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WEEKLY REVIEW

PA confirms Bank Leumi gas tax account

DAVID MAKOVSKY

THE Palestinian Authority has acknowledged that its gas tax revenues are being refunded by Israel into a Bank Leumi account operating outside of the PA budget.

As first disclosed last week by The Jerusalem Post, upon the request of PA leader Yasser Arafat in mid-1994. Israel has deposited close to NIS 200 million in Palestinian gas taxes over the last two years in a Bank Leumi account in a Tel Aviv branch for Arafat s discretionary use.

Officials say a signatory on the account is Khalid Salaam, otherwise known as Mohammed Rashid, who is Arafat's financial adviser. Last week, a PA spokesman denied to wire services that a Bank Leumi account existed.

However, page three of a document about the PA's financial situation signed by the PA Finance Ministry and distributed by the PA to all donor countries at their meeting in Washington last Thursday, says: The PA is also considering integrating the 'petroleum excise account' at Bank Leumi, as well as the excise tax account in the West Bank, into the Ministry of Finance's budgetary operations."

The wording clearly suggests that there is a second nonbudgeted account in the West Bank, but details could not be confirmed. While the report says it is "con-

sidering" consolidating the account into PA budgeting, it makes no commitment to do so. even though the report says the "centralization" of accounts is a PA priority. The PA Finance Ministry report

flies in the face of World Bank officials who anonymously claimed last week that the account is actually Arafat's personal money, since the report plainly states that the money in question is tax revenue transferred by Israel. With the exception of gas taxes, Israel refunds VAT, customs, health and income taxes collected from Palestinians to the PA budget as part of the April 1994 Paris

agreement The diversion of the gas taxes is assumed to have been approved by Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon Peres.



Knesset Committee's visit to Orient House causes furor

BILL HUTMAN

KNESSET Interior Committee Chairman Sallah Tarif sparked a political uproar yesterday, when he led three fellow committee members and an Interior Ministry
official to Orient House, the PLO headquarters in Jerusalem.

Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert declined an invitation to attend the meeting with Faisal Husseini, the senior PLO official in the city. Olmen for some time has refused to meet with Husseini at Orient House, saying this would legit-imize the PLO headquarters.

However, Matityahu Huta, the Interior Ministry official responsi-ble for the Jerusalem area, accepted Tarif's invitation. "I came to hear about the problems of eastern Jerusalem residents," Huta said. "I promised that I would look into the problems and get back to him."

MKs Micha Goldman (Labor), Rafi Elul (Labor), and Tawfik Khatib (United Arab List) also attended, as did Jawal Bolous, a well-known Jerusalem lawyer, and several Orient House officials.

The committee members also visited the office of Palestinian Council member Hattem Abdel Khader, at his home in the Beit Hanina neighborhood.

Tarif said the visits were necessary to examine the needs of Jerusalem Arabs.

Committee members Benny Elon (Moledet), Avraham Stern (National Religious Party), and Ze'ev Boim (Likud), committee members, refused to enter the Orient House grounds without a police guard, and were infuriated by police refusal to accompany

"We call on representatives from all over the world not to visit Orient House, and then look what we ourselves do," Stern said. "If there are issues to be raised by eastern Jerusalem residents, then the place to do it is in City Hall and the Interior Ministry."

Committee member David Re'em (Likud) demanded that Tarif be removed as committee chairman. Elon demanded Jerusalem police

chief Cmdr. Arye Amit, who came to the scene, provide him with protection inside Orient House. "You know and I know that the

Orient House is extraterritorial, that you aren't allowed inside here," Elon called out to Amit.

"You can go inside if you want; there's no danger," Amit responded, and then added, "Don't try to

PM will ask

Clinton to send

message to

Damascus

DAVID MAKOVSKY

DURING their meeting today, Prime Minister Binyamin

Netanyahu wants to persuade US

President Bill Clinton to make it

clear to Damascus that any verbal

government are not binding upon his government, an official said.

and address Jewish activists in

New York before returning to

"Let's face it. The US is doing

the negotiating with Damascus

about resuming peace talks and not us," an official in the Prime

Minister's Office said yesterday. Therefore, it is important that

Washington tips the balance on

this issue and put its weight

behind our position. It is our firm

belief that non-signed agreements

of the Labor government are not

supportive of Israel's insistence

that Palestinian Authority discuss

modifications of Hebron rede-

ployment, a move which made Netanyahu's meeting with PA

Chairman Yasser Arafat possible.

Officials are concerned about

Yitzhak Rabin's verbal assurance

to Clinton that Israel would com-

pletely withdraw from the Golan,

if it is satisfied with security

arrangements and normalization.

An unsigned US-brokered "non-

paper" of May 1995, which

makes clear that the principle of

"equality" would govern Israeli-

Syrian security arrangements, regardless of any Golan withdrawal, is also of concern.

Netanyahu said yesterday that

his government will not be bound

by the previous government's

assurances on the future of the

The US is believed to have been

Israel on Wednesday.

binding."

Netanyahu left last night for the US, where he will meet Clinton



Speaking to the media outside Orient House yesterday are (from left) Knesset Interior Committee

drag me into a political argument." Tarif, at a press conference at the end of the meeting, said, "Those people that stood at the gate are trying to ignore reality [Prime Minister Binyamin] Netanyahu has already shaken hands with [PA

Chairman Yasser] Arafat." Tarif denied the committee's visit could taken by foreign diplomats as a green light to come to

Orient House.

"There is no parallel," Tarif said. "They are representatives of foreign countries ... It is our job to carry out such meetings."

Among the issues raised were complaints from Arabs that they are being prevented from building, problems with schools, and the Interior Ministry's policy of revoking the identity cards of Arab residents who move abroad.

Participants said "diplomatic"

issues were not discussed, except for a brief statement made by Husseini at the start of the meeting, denying reports that the PA had not really closed down its offices operating in Jerusalem.

"I see this meeting like any other one we may have with a committee representing a specific community," Tarif said.

Levy reiterates warning to EU not to visit Orient House, Page 2

Attorneygeneral to indict **Olmert**

ATTORNEY-GENERAL Michael Ben-Yair is going ahead with plans to indict Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert, after Olmert's lawyer failed to convince him at a hearing last week that an indictment was unmerited.

The draft indictment charges Olmert with aggravated fraud, falsifving corporate documents, two violations of the tax code, and violating the Party Funding Law by making a false declaration to the state comptroller. All of the charges relate to the Likud's 1988 election campaign, during which Olmert served as party treasurer.

According to the draft indictment, Olmert told Yona Peled one of the heads of a non-profit organization doing fund-raising for the party - to solicit money from businesses, and in exchange give them fictitious receipts indicating that the money was spent on advertising. Peled did so, and the Likud thereby raised NIS 913,707.

This scheme violated the law in two ways. First, campaign contributions from businesses are illegal. Second, the fictitious receipts enabled the companies to take tax deductions for the donations as if they were legitimate business

Olmert also omitted this sum from the report he later filed with State Comptroller Miriam Ben-Porat, thereby deceiving her into giving the party a clean bill of health for its finances. This enabled the Likud to receive the remainder of its campaign funding - NIS 2.148 million - from the

Peled and eight others involved in the affair, including Olmert's cotreasurer, Menahem Atzmon, were indicted in 1991. Olment was not indicted at that time, Ben-Yair said, because most of the evidence against him came from the testimony of the other defendants, and the Supreme Court has ruled that defendants cannot testify against someone accused in the same crime while their trial is still in progress. He could have been indicted once the court had finished hearing the evidence, but at that point Ben-Yair decided it made more sense to wait for the verdict, since if the others were acquitted, an indictment of

Olmert would be pointless. The Tel Aviv District Court finally issued its guilty verdict this March, and three months later, Ben-Yair decided to indict Olmert. However, he agreed to give the mayor a hearing first, and this hearing took place only last week.

According to Ben-Yair, the main argument raised by Olmert's lawyer, Yigal Amon, at the hearing was that most of the witnesses against Olmert were unreliable, based on the statements made about them by both the prosecution and the district court during their stint as defendants on the same charges. However, the attorney-general said all these nega-tive statements related to the defendants' attempts to minimize their own parts in the affair, and did not affect the reliability of their testimony with regard to Olmert.

"Olmert should be indicted just like his co-treasurer and subordinates, who were convicted," Ben-Yair said in a press statement. "This is mandated by the principle of equality before the law."

Before he can indict Olmert, who is still a sitting Likud MK, Ben-Yair will have to ask the Knesset to lift his parliamentary immunity. This request may encounter opposition from some of the coalition MKs, who have gone on record as saying that a decision to indict after eight years' time - and only a few days after the Likud won the elections — smacks of political motiva tions rather than pure law enforcement considerations.

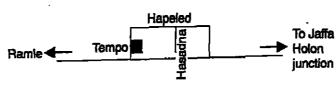
The Knesset will presumably begin discussing the request as soon as it reconvenes after the holidays.

Amon told Israel Radio last night that he will recommend that Olmert not agree to have his immunity lifted nor suspend himself from his mayoral post if he is indicted. Amon added he would take steps to cancel the indict-

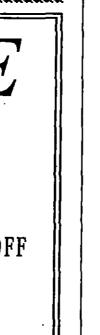
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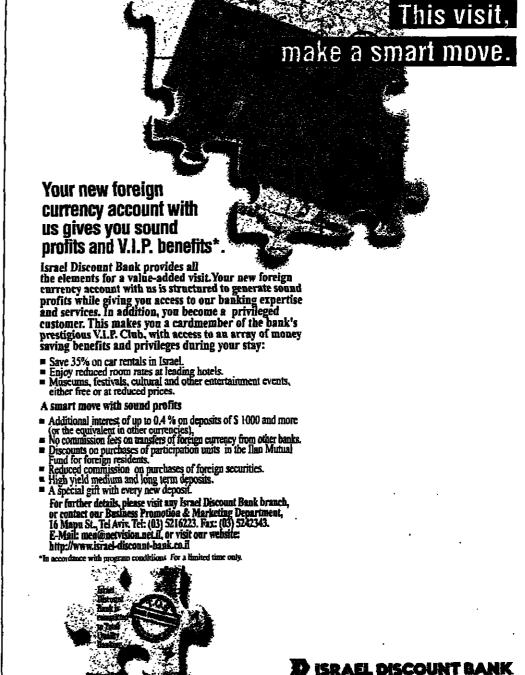
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EHUD Barak is expected to formally announce his intention to challenge former prime minis- that Peres might seek the ter Shimon Peres for the party leadership at a press conference this morning, Labor sources said yesterday.

Since the elections, Barak has unofficially placed himself in the running for Labor's top spot, although it wasn't always clear that his primary adversary was Peres.

Most party pundits saw the showdown as being between Barak and MK Haim Ramon. That scenario, however, assumed that Peres was about to step down. That Peres chose not to do so was seen as working against Burak and helping Ramon, who has an interest in postponing the leadership bout as long as possible, to let memories of Peres's election defeat - for which Ramon is seen as largely responsible - recede.

SARAH HONIG

party's renomination for the elections scheduled for the year 2000. As a result of these rumors, the sources said. a number of Labor sources said, Barak has decided that it serves no purpose to politely wait until Peres steps down. Hence the party now expects Barak to officially declare that he is after the leadership, although the actual vote will not be held for

Meanwhile, the party's dovish Mashov Circle yesterday open-ly advocated the establishment of a Palestinian state.

On the eve of the last elections, Labor dropped opposition to a Palestinian state from its platform, but did not advocate that such a state be formed.

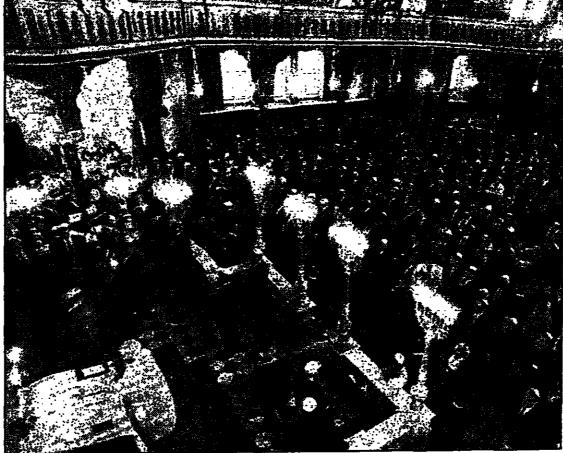
At a gathering yesterday, the Mashov Circle, headed by Yossi Meanwhile. not only has Beilin, proposed that the Peres failed to step down, but Palestinian state it envisions be Labor has been rife with rumors demilitarized, that Jerusalem be

a joint capital for it and Israel, that the borders of the Gaza Strip be expanded, and that the new state be allowed to accept Palestinian refugees into its territory, though Israel would not be required to admit such refugees into its own jurisdic-

Labor, meanwhile, continued to seek reasons for its electoral loss last May.

In a report finalized yesterday, the finger is pointed at Labor elections campaign manager and former housing minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer, election day organizer Meir Nitzan and head of the campaign orgadivision Moshe nization Shahal.

The report finds that apart from questions about campaign line and tactics, there was lack of attention to organizational and technical details which could have contributed to the defeat, and which, according to the report, also encouraged



Over a thousand worshipers, among them Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon, attend yesterday's reinauguration ceremony at Bulgaria's largest synagogue, in Sofia. The synagogue opened in 1909, but was hit by a bomb during World War II. Its restoration was delayed by the former Communist

Arafat and Mordechai agree to schedule meeting

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

THEY spoke on the phone for live minutes, after which officials on both sides issued statements saying they had a "positive and friendly" conversation. However, Defense Minister Yitziak Mordechai and Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafan did not set a date for their first

meeting. Palestinian officials had said that this meeting had been scheduled for yesterday during the meeting last Wednesday between Arafat and Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu. However, Mordechai put off the meeting and spoke to Arafat on the telephone instead.

"No date was set for a meeting. President Arafat is leaving [Monday] for Japan for a threeday trip and it was agreed that they will speak again when he returns, to set a date to meet," PA spokesman Nabil Abu Rudeineh

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The Defense Ministry issued a statement saying that the two agreed that they will set a date for the meeting soon and discuss

security issues. The defense minister told the chairman of the Palestinian Authority that he expects the Palestinian Authority to enforce the closure of its offices in Jerusalem, as he promised the prime minister," the statement

Mordechai has said he plans to confer with Arafat about the closure, steps against terrorism, the Hebron redeployment and security at the Gaza airport.

Levy reiterates warning to EU on Orient House visits

ISRAEL and the European Union eign ministers on Saturday that the so-appeared to be on a collision course last called troika of ministers from Ireland, night, after Foreign Minister David Levy delivered a sharp rebuke to European leaders who had seemingly rejected his appeal to avoid meetings with the Palestinians at Orient House when they visit Jerusalem.

Levy made his appeal on Friday when he travelled to Ireland, which currently holds the revolving presidency of the European Council, to meet Prime Minister John Bruton and Foreign Minister Dick Spring.

Spring had told a gathering of EU for-

Netherlands and Italy wanted to go to Orient House. But a report from Ireland yesterday said the EU is now checking whether the PLO itself wants to meet in east Jerusalem, after Levy had told Spring that Palestinian Authority chairman Yasser Arafat had agreed to hold the meet-

ing elsewhere. Levy said he had told the EU officials that they would effectively be taking sides - and compel the Palestinians to adopt a more radical stance - if they insisted on visiting Orient House.

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Levy sent an implicit, but clear, warning to the European leaders to keep out of the Jerusalem debate and not set themselves up as alternative negotiators.

Without mentioning the European Union directly, he said an agreement had now been reached with Arafat over Palestinian institutions in Jerusalem, and "we hope there will not be other actors who try to put a spoke in the wheel in order to take us back to the situation as it was previously."

Meanwhile, US Secretary of State Warren Christopher announced that the first meeting of the joint Israeli-US counter-terrorism group will be held on November 25 and 26.

Speaking after talks with Levy here, Christopher said the US and Israel are already working together on the subject, "but this will give more structure to that joint endeavor.

Standing alongside Levy after their talks at the US ambassador's residence, Christopher ticked off Washington's wish

He said redeployment in Hebron "is an

important step to be taken," that Arafat's commitment to fight terrorism "is essential." and that the start of final status talks "is highly desirable." Levy responded that Israel would pro-

cess and to ensure reciprocal fulfillment of agreements." He stressed that "the question of securi-

ceed "as quickly as it takes to ensure suc-

ty is absolutely central and pivotal." In his meeting with British Secretary of State Malcolm Rifkind, Levy was expected to again raise the issue of Europe's role in Jerusalem and cooperation between Britain and Israel over terrorism.

Hebron withdrawal opponents

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pitch tent in Jerusalem **EVELYN GORDON**

A SUBCOMMITTEE of the Ministerial Committee on Jerusalem yesterday ordered a comprehensive plan for the development of the Arab areas in the city which lag far behind the Jewish areas - drawn up

e Subcommittee chairman Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani called on representatives of several ministries to come up with the plan, concentrating on the issues of housing, education, and infrastructure, a ministry spokesman said.

Since 1967, when the city was reunited, there have conditions in the city's Arab areas, but none has been

THE Israeli-Palestinian Steering

Committee, headed by Dan

Shomron and Saeb Erekat, is to

meet today in Jericho for its first

substantial discussion on Hebron,

safe passage, the release of

women prisoners, and other issues

still to be finalized from the inter-

The meeting between Prime

Palestinian Authority

Minister Binyamin Netanyahu

Chairman Yasser Arafat deliber-

ately left the status of Hebron

im accords.

would demonstrate Israel's intention to hold on to all of the city, and to show greater fairness in its treatment of Arab residents.

The subcommittee, which was originally set up by Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu to keep a watch on Palestinian Authority activity in the city, was given a review of PA operations in the city by the General Security Service. It said the three PA offices been numerous government proposals to improve the government had demanded be closed had indeed

that there will be no renegotiation

pursuit, perhaps by joint patrols,

into areas under Palestinian con-

No decision is expected to be

reached before Defense Minister

Yitzhak Mordechai meets with

Arafat, probably this week. Mordechai may hold out the

release of Hamas leader Sheikh

Ahmed Yassin as a possible bar-

The number of Palestinians

allowed into Israel to work is to be

Lebanese

elections

continue quietly

DAVID RUDGE

VOTING in south Lebanon in the

fourth round of the country's five-

stage general elections passed quiet-

ly yesterday following a last-minute

Syrian-brokered agreement between

the Amal Shi'ite movement and

rival Hizbuliah to run on a joint list.

zations were reported to be upset by

the agreement, which gives

Hizbullah three seats and the right to

The accord is also reported to give Hizbuliah three guaranteed seats and two allies in the fifth and final

round of the nationwide ballot in the

Hizbullah supporters were said to

be upset over the initial inclusion on

the joint list of Bahia Hariri, sister of

Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik

Hariri, and of a Sunni moderate as the candidates for the Sidon area of south Lebanon. Hizbuliah had

backed Sunni strongman Mustafa

Sa'ad and another Sumi fundamen-

The war of words became even

more heated Friday when Hizbullah leader Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah

accused Rafik Hariri of conspiring to

upset the civil peace in Lebanon by

waging open war" on Hizbullah.

A compromise was reached

whereby both Amal and Hizbullah

agreed to leave the names of the

controversial candidates for the

Sidon area off the joint list.

talist for those seats.

Bekaa Valley next Sunday.

choose one ally for another seat.

Many supporters of both organi-

increased to 50,000 this month.

gaining chip.

all Jews, in Israel and the Diaspora."

credit for organizing the tent, which is situated in the park at the intersection of King George and Ben-Yehuda streets and will be there for at least the rest of the week. However, party leader MK Rehavam Ze'evi was careful to take only a secondary role in the kick-off rally yesterday afternoon, since, he said, Moledet emphatically did not want the tent associated with any

people, most speakers were careful to emphasize that it was not meant to

be an anti-government event.

ment, but to direct and guide it." However, it was clear that not all the activists agreed with this official line. Some of the Women in Green bore signs reading "Prime minister prime liar" and "I voted Bibi [Netanyahu] - I got [Arafat adviser

Though Hebron was the main focus of the event, the speakers also expressed dissatisfaction with other aspects of the government's policy, from the lack of building in the areas to Netanyahu's meeting with Arafat to his failure to insist that Arafat change the PLO covenant and honor

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neighborhoods to be formulated Mayor Ehud Olmert, a subcommittee member, has called on the government to draw up a plan that THE battle against the IDF with-

are fighting for Hebron," said Women in Green leader Nadia Matar, whose organization was one of the most visible groups. "The struggle for Hebron is the struggle of

Most of the activists gave Moledet

are not fighting to topple the govern-

Ahmed] Tibi."

The speaker who aroused the most enthusiasm was Matar.

"[Netanyahu] is doing things which are completely opposed to his own principles, in order to get approval from the world and from the press," she said. "Bibi: We did not elect you to be sympathetic to the Americans, the Norwegians and Peace Now!... You have no mandate to deviate from the ideology [expressed in your books] and from your promises!"

"By now, we have no fear of demonstrations, arrests and the blows of the police," she continued, adding that while this is not the route the right wing wants to take, it will not hesitate to do so if necessary.

"On Hebron we will fight to the finish!" she concluded.

other parts of the Oslo agreement.

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Master plan for J'lem Arab

of the Hebron redeployment agreement reached last September 28. However, there redeployment ambiguous. In a so-called non-paper, Israel agreed to "deal with" the redemay be discussions on increasing the planned number of joint ployment, and in his press conference Netanyahu agreed to "implement" it, taking into patrols, the kinds of weapons to be used by Palestinian policemen in Hebron, and the right of hot

account security needs. The steering committee will appoint subcommittees to deal with each issue.

Erekat has said more frequently than other Palestinian officials

and extends condolences to her beloved husband,

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and extend sincere condolences to his family.

The Jerusalem Post

drawal from Hebron was stepped up another notch yesterday, when a coalition of right-wing groups inaugurated a protest tent in downtown The purpose of this is to show that not only the people of Hebron

one party. At the rally, attended by some 100

"Our basic assumption must still be that this government, with Binyamin Netanyahu at its head, will do the right thing," said author Moshe Shamir, the second speaker. This is what we are fighting for. We

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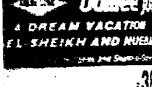
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Israel backs UN test ban treaty

WITH Israel's support, the UN General Assembly, possibly as early as this week, is expected to approve an unusual procedure that clears the way for a nuclear test ban treaty, The New York Times reported yesterday.

India, an undeclared nuclear power, opposes the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, and had tried to block the pact earlier this summer at the UN's Conference on Disarmament in Geneva. Jerusalem Post Staff

Under normal circumstances, India's opposition would have stymied the accord. However, diplomats have enough votes in the General Assembly to override India.

The other two undeclared nuclear powers would support the treaty, the Times reported.

The treaty, which cannot take effect until the 44 countries with nuclear arms or power stations have ratified it, would be the first time that all major nuclear powers agreed to ban nuclear explosions. There have been more than 2,045 nuclear tests since 1945, the Times

India has two supporters in the General Assembly: Iran and Bhutan.

Two charged in Jaffa bomb plot

YUSEF Jedani, 20, and Ahmed Abu Kaud, 23, both of Jaffa, were charged in Tel Aviv District Court yesterday with plotting to destroy a synagogue, a Keter Plastics store, and other structures in the city that they believe are built on the sites of former mosques.

They were also charged with illegal weapons possession. Jedani was indicted on a count of manufacturing firebombs with the intention of damaging prop-

Ayalon police arrested five people two weeks ago after receiving **RAINE MARCUS**

information that they were planning to torch Jewish-owned property in Jaffa for nationalistic and religious motives. Police found 10 firebombs, allegedly made by Jedani several months ago, at a

Jaffa garage.
A publication ban was initially put on the case, pending investigations by both police and the GSS, who thought at first that four Arabs from Jaffa and one from Kalkilya were plotting to organize terror attacks. Police said that newspaper clippings on terror

attacks and leaflets were found Abu Kaud's home.

Following an intensive invest gation, four men were arreste and remanded. Yesterday, Jedar and Abu Kaud were indicted afte police concluded that they plotte to torch stores and a synagogue located on the Jaffa/Bat Yam bor der, because they are situated o Moslem holy sites, owned by th'

Walf The District Attorney's Office has requested the pair be remand ed until the end of legal proceed ings, arguing that they represent: danger to public security.

Teens barred from Bethlehem trip

"CROSSING Frontiers," a program for high school youth from the Middle East and Austria, came to an abrupt halt yesterday, when the Education Ministry refused to allow the Israeli participants to travel with the group to Bethlehem for security reasons.

The group, consisting of 26 Israeli high schoolers, 25 from the Palestinian autonomous areas, a small group from Egypt and eight youngsters from Jordan, crossed over the Allenby Bridge yesterday evening after visiting Petra in Jordan.

They were accompanied by 20 vouth from Austria, whose government initiated and organized the program.

The tour began on September 1

BATSHEVA TSUR and was due to conclude with two spokesman said. days in Bethlehem. However, until

the last minute, it was not clear whether the Israeli pupils would be allowed to participate in the last leg of the trip for security reasons. Since Bethlehem has been handed over to the Palestinians under the Oslo Accords, Israeli security forces said they could not guaran-

tee the safety of the youth, since they are not allowed to operate in the city.

Yesterday afternoon, Education Ministry officials tried frantically to contact the parents of the Israeli teenagers, who study in both secular and religious schools, to determine whether they would permit their children to sleep in or near Bethlehem, the ministry

"Some of the parents agreed, others did not and some could not be reached," the spokesman said. "At this point, it became clear that the ministry could not be responsible for security and a clear refusal to permit the Israelis to continue was issued."

Asked why the matter had not been dealt with earlier, the spokesman said that there had been contacts with the Palestinians to move the meeting from Bethlehem to Hebron, where there is an IDF presence. "It only became clear at the last minute that this was not feasible,

NEWS IN BRIEF

Tehila wins UNESCO prize for its work UNESCO'S annual prize for encouraging reading and writing among semiliterate adults has been awarded to Tehila, an adult-

education program of the Education Ministry. The award ceremony took place at the Jerusalem Theater yesterday, the International Day for the Advancement of Adult Education. A special delegation from UNESCO, as well as Education Minister Zevulun Hammer, participated in the ceremony. Tehila, which was founded 19 years ago to help combat illiteracy,

has helped more than 60,000 adults around the country to advance

or complete their education. Batsheva Tsur Egged continuing service to Egypt Egged is keeping a close watch on buses going to Egypt, following

the arrest of an Egged driver in Taba last week after bullets were found in his bus, but it hopes to continue the service, spokesman Ron Ratner said yesterday. The cooperative's executive decided that before leaving Israel,

wary bus going to Egypt would be thoroughly inspected by the

New D-G for Postal Authority

driver: Rinner said.

The cabinet yesterday approved the nomination of Moshe Ten as director-general of the Postal Authority. The nomination, by Communications Minister Limor Livnat, was approved last week by the Postal Authority Council. Teri, 46, was until recently managing director of the Central Securities Company Ltd. Teri replaces Ran Levin; who resigned.

First rain falls in much of country The first rain of the season fell in several parts of the country yesterday, with showers relatively heavy in some places in the ... North and along the coast.

The Meteorological Service said light rain fell from Ashdod, where over six millimeters was recorded, to Rosh Hanikra, where over 11 millimeters fell. There were also showers around Lake

The duty forecaster said more light showers could be expected in most parts of the country today, with temperatures remaining lower than the seasonal average.

Sentenced to life for murdering wife Misgenau Chakula, 43, was convicted by the Tel Aviv District

to police about her husband's abuse.

Court yesterday of murdering his wife, Atkelat, with an ax. The conviction carries a life sentence, with the judges saying there were no extenuating circumstances warranting a lesser sentence for the October 1995 murder. Chakula, a Rehovot resident, was in the process of divorcing his 21-year-old wife. Family members criticized the authorities for not

doing enough to prevent the tragedy, since Atkelat had complained

THE author of an advertisement

petition to the High Court of

Israel and Pakistan - have indicated they

Netanyahu of Rabin's murder

Petition: Ad in 'Ha'aretz' accuses

which indirectly accused Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu of crime, and after he was executed, responsibility for the murder of prime minister Yitzhak Rabin should be investigated on suspicion of sedition and libel, attorney Yedidya Be'eri demanded, in a

Justice yesterday. The advertisement, which appeared on the front page of Ha'aretz on June 18, the day Netanyahu's government was swom in, consisted of a passage from Kings I, Chapter 21, which describes how King Ahab obtained a vineyard from a man who did not want to sell it: Queen Jezebel persuaded two men to

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Ahab took possession of the vinevard. In response, God sends Elijah the Prophet to curse Ahab.

"And thou shalt speak unto [Ahab], saying: Thus sayeth the Lord: Hast thou killed and also taken possession?" the passage concludes.

The advertisement then added: This was placed as a painful reminder to the public and to those who take God's name in vain ... upon the swearing in of a new gov-ernment in Israel, 230 days after the murder of Yitzbak Rabin."

Several people asked Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair to open Naboth, had committed a capital group which placed the advertise- to investigate was unsupportable.

ment - a group called "We Will Not Forget," headed by businessman David Moshevitz - but Ben-Yair refused.

Since the advertisement does not explicitly accuse any specific person of any specific act, it "can be given different interpretations," he wrote. This ambiguity would make it impossible to prove a criminal charge of sedition or libel, he said, and it also prevents the advertisement from being dangerous enough to warrant infringing on the right of free speech by a criminal investigation.

In his petition, Be'eri argued that the language of the advertisement clearly did violate the laws against sedition and libel, and that swear falsely that the owner, a criminal investigation of the therefore Ben-Yair's decision not

Northern council head requests bomb shelters

MATEH Asher Regional Council head Yehuda Shavit yesterday called on the government to implement promises made by the previous government after Operation Grapes of Wrath - especially regarding the construction of new bomb shelters.

He noted that the Beduin village of Arab al-Aramshe, near the Lebanese border, still has only one public bomb shelter for its 1,200 residents. The Education Ministry is

building a shelter at the elementary school in the village. In addition, another public shelter was agreed upon, but the funding has not been approved." he said.

ernment to do anything other than carry out decisions that have already been made," Shavit said. A spokesman for the Prime Minister's Office said that NIS 7

enough to hold about 50 people.

We are not calling on the gov-

million had been allocated until the end of 1998 for the construction of bomb shelters in Arab villages in the North. He said that under the program, drawn up by the directors-general

committee, two new bomb shelters would be built in Arab al-Aramshe during 1997-98. He added that the necessary

funding would be made available The existing shelter is big by the Treasury.

Government hospital workers may strike over proposed changes at Sheba

OVER 10,000 government hospital workers said they will apply sanctions and possibly strike before the end of this week because Sheba Hospital managing director Prof. Mordechai Shani has "decided to institute structural and organizational changes" in his institution - apparently without consulting either the Health

Ministry or the unions. trative and maintenance workers, headed by Batya Levy, said yesterday that the dispute is over changes Shadi plans to institute in November. The changes reportedly relate to unifying hospital departments into divi-

This action, Levy charged, "violates declarations by Health

ten and clear commitment of outgoing Health Ministry directorgeneral Dr. Meir Oren and labor agreements signed by the ministry and the Civil

Because Shani wants to "create revolutions" in the country's largest state hospital without any The union of hospital adminis-, decision about the incorporation of the state hospital, "it is clear that implementation of his decisions will create labor unrest in the entire health system," she said. No comment was available from

Shani previously served twice as director-general of the Health Ministry, but his most recent term ended 16 months ago when the Minister Tzahi Hanegbi, the writ- attorney-general ruled him "unfit"

for the position, due to suspicion of conflict of interest. No other action has been taken against Shani, who returned to Sheba as

its director. Health Ministry spokesman Effi Lahav said the ministry has received no formal request from Shani for approval of his proposed changes, though Lahav could not say exactly what the proposed changes were. As a former ministry director-general, Lahav said, Shani knows he must present changes in an orderly manner for

approval.
"We hope that the proposals will not lead to a nationwide labor crisis in the hospitals, Lahav continued, "and any changes that are made will be carried out in consultation with Weizman hosts new immigrants

SOME 500 olim, including 50 new IDF recruits, were hosted by President Ezer Weizman and his wife Reuma at a pre-Rosh Hashana reception at Beit Hanassi yesterday.
"We have to learn to understand each other, and to enjoy each other's

company in order to truly make you feel part of this country," Weizman told the immigrants.

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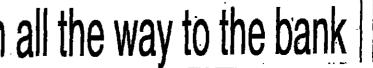
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Iraqi Kurdish children gather around a woman washing her clothes yesterday, as others carry water to their tents set up near Kani

Iraq and ignore the no-fly zones.
Official newspapers carried on

their front pages a Foreign

Ministry statement vowing that

Masi village in northern Iraq. Some 40 families have moved to the village in fear that Turkish troops may enter the area.

matic support from its allies for its

defiant tone yesterday, reiterating

Baghdad's threats to shoot down

Iraqi media maintained their

military action, might do.

on his envoy Alexander Lebed's peace mission

by saying he backed the deal but opposed the

early withdrawal of troops.

Tikhomirov said the deal Lebed signed with

the rebels was the last chance for the conflict to

"Today's attempt at a peaceful resolution of the military conflict in Chechnya is already the

third. There will not be a fourth," Tass quoted

him as telling reporters. "If this attempt fails,

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BAGHDAD (Reuter) - Thousands of refugees fled fighting between two rival Kurdish factions in Hussein...!

northern Iraq yesterday as an

Iraqi-backed group captured two more towns, driving its rival towards the border with Iran.

Senior US officials warned Iraqi

President Saddam Hussein he would "pay the price" if Iraqi gov-

ernment forces were involved in

the fighting, but said they had no

evidence of a direct Iraqi role in the

The Patriotic Union of

Kurdistan (PUK) said Iraqi troops

did help the rival Kurdistan

Democratic Party (KDP) capture the towns. The KDP denied it.

Koi Sanjaq lies about 100 km northwest of Sulaimaniya, the last

main PUK stronghold near the

Reuters correspondent Osman

Senkul saw some 5,000 refugees

fleeing towards the Iranian border

on anything on wheels - cars,

coaches, trucks and even bulldoz-

KDP forces backed by Iraqi tops

captured the main northern

Kurdish city of Arbil from the

firing 44 cruise missiles at what it

said were military targets in south-

em Iraq and by extending a no-fly

zone in the south almost up to

PUK leader Jalal Talabani told

Corporation that the US missile

attacks on southern Iraq had done

nothing to stop Saddam from con-

British Broadcasting

RUSSIAN troops began pulling out of Chechnya yesterday under a peace deal signed

A military band struck up cheerful music at

a farewell ceremony at the Russian military

airport outside the Chechen capital Grozny

where the 133rd battalion began the withdraw-

Tikhomirov thanked the soldiers, wished them

well and handed out medals in a low-key cere-

mony reflecting mixed feelings over the with-drawal after 21 months of bloody and incon-

"For your service, for military achievements,

The troops started pulling out leaving behind

But Interfax news agency said Deputy

joint military administrations in Grozny which

currently limit their activities to patrolling the

all the best to you and a safe journey home,"

Tikhomirov said, to the sound of polite clap-

ping from the rows of conscripts.

Overall troop commander Vyacheslav

with the rebels last month but still in doubt.

tinuing his attacks in the Kurdish-recent fighting but added:

PUK on August 31.
The United States responded by

ers laden with belongings.

Iranian border.

capture of Degala and Koi Sanjaq.

They must prevent Saddam

Hussein... Now we have to punish

him," Talabani said.
"We call on the US and its

coalition partners to intervene

urgently to nalt the Iraqi aggres-

sion and end this onslaught against the Kurdish people," the PUK said

United States would respond to

Perry referred to inter-Kurdish

fighting as a civil war in which it

would be a mistake for the United

Face the Nation that the United

States did not know the scope of

Iraqi involvement in the latest

clashes between the KDP, which

recently sided with Saddam, and

the PUK which denies allegations

it is backed by Iran.

General John Shalikashvili, the top US military officer, said Saddam appeared to have with-

drawn all but several hundred of

his troops from the allied-declared

Kurdish safe haven set up after the

tainly in the hundreds and not in

the thousands," Shalikashvili said

of the number of Iraqi troops thought by the United States to

remain in the zone supposedly off-

Leon Panetta also told CNN that

Washington did not know the

extent of Iraqi involvement in

White House chief-of-staff

limits to Iraqi onslaught.

"Our judgment is that it's cer-

He said on the CBS program

the latest developments.

But it was not clear how the

Defense Secretary William

in a statement.

tates to intervene.

1991 Gulf War.

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of No. 2, director Steven

Spielberg, and returns her to the

NEW YORK (AP) — Oprah earnings.

Spielberg, ranked No. 1 in 1994 and 1995, rell to the No. 2 spot Winfrey occupied last year as his \$150 million two-year estimated gross income failed to stack up. Next on the list are the Beatles at No. 3. singer Michael Jackson, and the Rolling Stones in fifth place.

Rounding out the top 10, beginning with No. 6: the Eagles, Arnold Schwarzenegger, magician David Copperfield, actor Jim Carrey and Michael Crichton, author of Jurassic Park.

Forbes noted that the world's top 40 list, which the magazine has been compiling since 1987, has seen increasingly eye-popping numbers in the income figures it calculates. A decade ago the top salary for a Hollywood actor was about \$5 million. Today it's more like \$20 million," the magazine says. "A hot new rock band at the center of a bidding war can fetch \$600,000 for

We have made it clear that if

Saddam uses forces against his

He declined to say what the US.

own people or his neighbors, there

is a price to be made.

Russian troops start leaving Chechnya

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opposite number in the separatist government,

Kazbek Makhashev, to discuss deeper coordi-

nation between law enforcement bodies of

Interfax said no practical decisions had been

made at their meeting in the village of Novye

Russia and Chechnya.

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delivery of a record - four times what it would have gotten in 1987." Others who made it this year onto

Forbes top 40 list: comedian Jerry Seinfeld (No. 11), singer Garth Brooks (13), opera's Luciano Pavarotti (28), the rock group Kiss (29), actor John Travolta (32), author Tom Clancy (34) and actress Sandra Bullock (40).

the issue will be resolved with other methods The peace deal, signed last month after and means." Fighting has died right down since the Moscow was humiliated by a rebel attack on Grozny, provides for the withdrawal of all August 21 cease-fire and Tass reported there had even been a football match between rebels Russian troops temporarily stationed in the and soldier, won 3-1 by the soldiers. region. But there is disagreement about what But the agency also quoted military officials The rebels say the fact that there were no yesterday as saying one soldier had been killed troops in Chechnya before the conflict began in and one wounded when their positions were late 1994 means they must all pull out. But the The latest deal has fueled hopes for a lasting Russian side has said some troops will be based peace because it has tackled the issue at the President Boris Yeltsin added to the confuheart of the conflict for the first time - the Interior Minister Valery Fyodorov met his sion last Thursday when he broke his silence region's political status. Oprah tops list of Belgian best-paid entertainers

which has received scant diplo- US or allied aircraft flying over

be resolved peacefully.

ex-minister arrested in Cools murder probe

BRUSSELS (Reuter) - The Belgian judiciary arrested former regional minister Alain Van der Biest yesterday in connection with the unsolved murder of a socialist politician five years ago.

Belgian media said that Van der Biest had been detained in connection with the killing of Andre Cools following testimony by his former personal secretary Richard

Taxquet was arrested on Friday along with three others in connection with the Cools case. Police have also issued an international arrest warrant for Pino Di Mauro, Van der Biest's former driver, a judicial source said.

"our air defenses throughout Iraq will hit at any hostile target violatsiles had been fired at US planes. **Turkish Cypriot** soldier shot dead in Cyprus MICHELE KAMBAS

ing our skies."

Iraq's military said on Saurday

it had fired surface-to-air missiles

but they had missed. The Pentagon

said it could not confirm that mis-

A Turkish Cypriot soldier was killed and another seriously wounded yesterday when shots were fired at their post near the UN-patrolled buffer zone that separates Greek and Turkish Cypriots, officials said.

It was not immediately clear who was responsible for the shooting. but Turkish Cypriots and Turkey blamed Greek Cypriot soldiers and warned that the incident would heighten tension and hamper efforts to resolve the Cyprus problem.

There were also fears that the incident was related to the killing of two Greek Cypriot men during anti-Turkish demonstrations on the demarcation line last month.

"We have learnt that there was an infiltration from the English base and this soldier was shot, and I am afraid that we have findings the guns used are actually similar to the guns used by the Greek [Cypriot] police and the military," Turkish Foreign Minister Tansu Ciller said.

But the Cypriot government categorically denied any involvement police or soldiers from the Greek Cypriot side in the incident.

Government spokesman Yiannakis Cassoulides, quoted by the official Cyprus News Agency, said National Guard officials examined all weapons held by soldiers in the area and found no indications of them

He said police had no reports about shots from the "free areas to the Turkish-occupied areas" and described the incident as "an act of Turkish

provocation," implying that Turks had killed one of their own men. Turkish Cypriot leader Rauf Denktash was quoted by the Turkish Cypriot news agency TAK as saying: "The blood of Turks has been drunk once again... Have the church and Greek leadership satisfied their

thirst by this blood? Will they?" The shooting occurred at about 4 a.m. at a Turkish Cypriot guard unit in Acheritou village, which Turks call Guvercinlik, on the northern edge of the British base of Dhekelia in southeastern Cyprus.

TAK identified the dead soldier as Allah Verdikilic and the wounded as Burhan Cihangir. It said both were Turkish Cypriots.

Turkey US warns Iraq as two Kurdish towns fall hunts rebel Kurds

TUNCELI, Turkey (Reuter) -Turkish security forces stepped up land and air operations against Kurdish separatists yesterday after the rebels shot dead nine govern-

ment troops in an ambush.

Security officials said up to 20,000 troops, backed by helicopters, were involved in the latest move against Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) guerrillas, waging a 12-year fight for self-rule. More than 20,000 people have died in

the insurgency.

The theater of operations included a triangle formed by the provinces of Tunceli, Erzincan and Bingol, the security sources said.

The state-run Anatolian news agency said two Turkish troops and two PKK guerrillas were killed in a clash yesterday in Genc township, Bingol province. Three soldiers were also injured.

In Yusekova, near the Iranian border in Hakkari province, police carried out house-to-house searches for PKK rebels after slapping a curfew on the district and cutting telephone service, Anatolian said. The restrictions were lifted later yesterday.

Earlier, about 40 PKK gunmen ambushed a Turkish unit near Kemaliye township, also in Bingol province, military sources told

Nine members of the security forces were killed. Government troops killed two rebels after sending helicopter-backed support to the region.

Okinawans vote 9-1 against US bases

NAHA, Japan (Reuter) - Okinawa residents yesterday convincingly backed a proposal to cut back the huge US military presence on the Japanese island, with supporters claiming victory despite a relatively low voter turnout.

The result failed to settle the one-year-old confrontation between Okinawa and the central government over the bases. sparked last September by the rape of a 12-year-old schoolgirl by three US servicemen.

Political analysts said the outcome lifted some of the pressure on Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto and the Clinton administration to take immediate new steps to reduce the size of the forces, but the strength of the opposition showed that the problem must be addressed at some

point. The Okinawa election commission said that 89.1 percent of those voting backed the initiative with

just 8.5 percent against. The remaining ballots were spoiled. Approval was never in doubt since only a handful of ultra-

nationalists had campaigned for a "no" vote.

Two relief aid workers killed, 34 injured in Rwanda mine blast

KIGALI, Rwanda (AP) - A bus full of relief workers hit a land mine as it headed to a camp for Rwandan refugees in eastern Zaire, killing two people and injuring 34, relief groups said yes-

The victims of the Saturday morning explosion at Kibumba camp in Goma were Zairians working for the International Federation of Red Cross and Red

Crescent Societies. Three of the injured had both their legs amputated at a hospital, where another 18 were hospitalized, the federation said in a statement from its headquarters in

The agency said it was suspending operations for a week "to review this latest security incident and allow a period of mourning."
The federation has been caring for

200,000 refugees at Kibumba.

"It's sad to see the Society hit by tragedy for the second time since it resumed responsibility for the operation, when things have been going well," said spokesman Piero Calvi Parisetti.

In June, three Zairians working for the same organization were killed when unidentified gunmen opened fired on its main warehouse near Goma.

New book claims Bormann was smuggled out of Germany, lived in Britain

MARTIN Bormann, Adolf Hitler's right-hand man, lived in a quiet English village for 11 years after being smuggled out of the Fuehrer's bunker by British commandos, according to a

Christopher Creighton, a former television and film director, claims he was part of the crack unit that whisked Bormann out of Berlin only hours before Allied forces captured the German capital in May 1945.

His book, Op_IB (Operation James Bond). says Winston Churchill, Franklin Roosevelt and Britain's King George VI all approved of the operation - the purpose of which was to help the Allies recover an immense fortune appropriated by the Nazis and salted away in Swiss bank accounts.

"It was a question of morality. The Nazis had stolen a vast sum and Churchill wanted it to be returned to its rightful owners," Creighton, who claims Bormann's fate is the "last great secret of World War II," told Reuters in an interview. Op.JB was published at the beginning of September.

According to Creighton, who acted on Broadway with Noel Coward and in London with Sir Laurence Olivier, Bormann alone had access to the gold, gems and cash, a haul so vast that the side of a mountain had to be hollowed out to hold it.

Creighton claims that after the capture of Bormann, Hitler's private secretary, 95 percent of the plundered treasure was restored to its former owners.

Bormann, who was indicted in his absence

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by the Nuremberg tribunal after World War II crimes against humanity, was smuggled into Britain, debriefed by British naval intelligence and from 1945 until 1956 lived in southem England, he said.

"Martin Bormann lived in Hampshire, near Dummer where Fergie [Sarah Ferguson] grew up," Creighton, whose credits include American TV series Maverick and Britain's The Saint, added.

Fergie, as the Duchess of York is popularly called, grew up in the sleepy Hampshire village, before her marriage to Prince Andrew, Queen Elizabeth's second son. The marriage ended in divorce in March.

Bormann was a trusted and loyal aide, responsible for Hitler's finances. Hitler once called him "my loyal Party comrade," and Bormann was a witness at the German dictator's wedding to Eva Braun.

Creighton claims Ian Fleming, creator of the suave British secret agent James Bond, was also part of the commando team, and that while in England Bormann was used extensively by both British and US intelligence agencies to

help them track down wanted Nazi war crimi-In the 1960s, Creighton worked with British actor Roger Moore, who would later play Fleming's character James Bond. Moore and Loudon's prestigious acting school, the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art.

Creighton acknowledged that historians doubted the truth of his book and admitted that he had no documentary evidence to support his

He also noted that his story cannot be challenged by Fleming or any of the other alleged members of the commando team, all of whom bave since died

"I didn't plan it that way - to be the last survivor, but I can tell you it is the truth. Anyway. documents can be forged, but my recollections cannot," he said.

The British Ministry of Defense was unable to comment on Creighton's story. "Anyone who might have known anything around that time is either dead or retired," an MOD

Bormann was sentenced to death in absentia at Nuremberg but was never actually brought to trial. His remains were found in December 1972 in Berlin by German authorities - a dis-

covery Creighton labeled as "convenient." He claims that Bormann was flown to Argentina in 1956 but soon moved to Paraguay where he died in 1959. According to Creighton, Bormann was buried in a local cemetery, but some time later, in a deal concluded by the US Central Intelligence Agency. the Paraguayan government and German intelligence, his remains were exhumed and taken back to Berlin.

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Creighton were classmates after the war at the world to know," Creighton said. (Reuter)

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Finish your viola concerto, or you'll sleep on the living-room

He did, and the concerto, which had

its premiere last year with the Haifa

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Zehavi is among 40 nominees in eight

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Turkey hunts reb Kurds

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ACUM Golden Feather Awards. The awards, celebrating the organization's Mandah separatisa testa Mandah separatisa testa the rebeis shot dead ning ment croops in an ambab 60th anniversary, will be broadcast live tomorrow night on Channel 2. categories, plus four life-achievement awards competing for the NIS 250,000 in prize money from ACUM (the Israel Composers and Publishers Association). Yair Rosenblum, who died of cancer on August 27, was awarded the lifetime achievement award for light music in a

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Looking for a golden feather

Rosenblum composed more than 1,000 songs, including "The Song of Peace" that Yitzhak Rabin sang the night he was assassinated.

The other three - in the fields of serious music, literature and song lyrics will be awarded tomorrow. They have been chosen by a panel of ACUM judges. TV viewers can vote by calling 055-332-882

Yehuda Poliker has been named in six categories: best song, best album, best songwriter, best lyricist, best performer and best video. Shlomo Artzi and Aviv Gefen are nominated for everything except video clip, and Arkadi Duchin missed out on best performer. Rita and

Dani Litani join the big three in that cat-

There will also be prizes for best serious composer, author, children's book, video and, for the first time, for stand-up comedian. Among its five nominees, this column lists the inimitable Oma Banai, whose street-smart, wise-cracking, idiom-mangling alter ego, Limor, has been stretching audiences in the aisles ever since she made her appear-

ance in the TV show Action. The children's books include The Peach Child (Roni Givati), Golden Pajama Leopard (Nurit Zarchi), and How Grandpa Does It (Nira Harel). The literary prize nominees include poet Natan Zach for Because I'm Around, Alona Kimhi for I Anastasia, and Amos Kenan for Block 23.

The Argentinian-born Reuven Seroussi, whose compositions are mainly for chamber ensembles, and which draw on his South American and Sephardi roots, is nominated for Lux.

Eitan Steinberg likes to combine East and West in his music and play it on ancient and modern instruments from both cultures. The nominated piece, Princess of Five Faces, for which he

formed by Esther Ben-Zaken last year. There's also Yinam Leef, whose Second Symphony was commissioned for the Jerusalem 3000 opening by the Jerusalem Symphony, for Threads of Time and Distance, and Oded Assaf for

Rita's latest album Mighty Love, has sold 115,000 copies, and her show of the same name won her the best performer

Arkadi Duchin, a 15-year-old Russian immigrant in the mid-1970s, became a Hebrew poet in the 1990s. He first came to national notice in 1990 as the singer/songwriter and lyricist of the suc-

BUTTERFLY KISS

Directed by Michael Wimerbottom. Screenplay by Frank Cottrell Boyce, Hebrew tike: Neshikat Haparpar. 100 minutes. English dialogue, Hebrew subtiles. Children under 17 not admitted without an adult.

gawky teenage boy, Amanda

Plummer's screen presence has

always been bizarre. But in English director Michael Winterbottom's harshly poignant black comedy. Butterfly Kiss, she

pushes her usual weirdness to a

new extreme. For the role of

Eunice, a bisexual dominatrix and

casual serial killer, she wears 17

tattoos under her blouse, as well as

nipple and navel piercings, and a

crisscrossed set of full-body pad-

locks and bike chains. When she

speaks, she growls, and when she

Boyce, the movie is unquestion-

ably raw: violent, perverse and

emotionally quite painful. But it's

also a work of real honesty and

unexpected pathos. Equal parts road movie, dark comedy, existen-

tial fable and love story, Butterfly

Kiss is one of the most original

Written by Frank Cottrell

laughs, she shrieks.

71TH her pinched rasp.

hunted gaze and the

long, low stride of a

cessful rock band The Friends o Natasha. His first, and very introspec tive, solo album, called Arkadi Duchin and the song "Because I Love You so Much" have won him his nominations. Gefen's album The Letter is his fifth and the exquisite lament "To Cry for You," which covers the rest of the nominations, is from it.

Artzi first rose to prominence in the 1970s, winning the Israel Song Festival twice and making nine albums in 10 years, only one of which flopped. He's in his 40s now, and the nominee album, a double CD called Two, is full of longings, as is the nominated song from it, You Don't Know What I'm Going Through."

Poliker's song "I Want It Too" comes from the nominee album, The Child in You, which leapt to the top of the charts. within three days of its release.

Beyond good and evil

ADINA HOFFMAN

Music to bloom in the Negev MICHAEL AJZENSTADT LASSICAL-music lovers in Arad, where Israeli pop

and rock usually rule the day, have a reason to rejoice. For the first time in the city's history they will have a classical music series of their own, courtesy of the Israel Sinfonietta Beersheba, which extends its activity this season and plays three concerts in Arad including bussing local subscribers for free to one concert in Beersheba,

We believe that our main mandate is to widen our activity within the area we operate in," says Misha Gross, the Sinfonietta's general director. "We already have series in both Ashkelon and Kiryat Gat and there is more to be done towards Dimona and other locations in the Negev. We must bring music to all willing communities around us."

The Sinfonietta has about 2,000 subscribers in Beersheba and an additional 500 in the rest of the

In the coming season the Sinfonietta showcases artist like extraordinary cellist Robert Cohen, renowned violinist Iona Brown, the ever-popular Swingle Singers, Shlomo Mintz (playing Mozart's Third Violin Concerto), as well as some exceptional local musicians like pianist Daniel Gortler and conductors Avner

Biron and Jonathan Webb. The Sinfonietta has embarked on a program enabling youngsters to attend concerts for free. For the past three seasons children from grades one to nine can attend orchestra concerts frée, when accompanied by an adult subscriber," says Gross. The Sinfonietta also plays for close to 10,000 children annually in pro-

grams organized by Rashi Levaot. The Sinfonietta has just returned from a very successful tour in Spain. "We played in a wonderful hall and what I heard was quite amazing," says Gross. "Never before did I realize our orchestra can sound so good. Unfortunately Israel does not have any halls with such acoustics."

The Sinfonietta 1996/97 season features three major series, the regular 10-concert classical music series showcasing a repertoire ranging from Bach and Haydn to Mahler and Beethoven, and focusing on the tried and true works in the classical literature. Also, a light classics series and the very popular opera series in Beersheba, plus the series in the adjoining cities as well as those in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. The season opens and closes as usual with huge choral works under the baton of Meir. who throughout the season leads five of the orchestra's 20 pro-

More Moiseyev **HELEN KAYE**

THE Moiseyev Dance Company left people gog-gle-eyed and gasping when it first visited in 1989. Now the 90 virtuoso dancers are coming back, with founder Igor Moiseyev, who still runs the company at age 90. more than 300 dances in the Moiseyev repertains. The He's the choreographer of the their technique but on folkloric elements for their inspiration, and Moiseyev happily pillages French, Spanish, and even

Chinese folk dance. The Moiseyev dancers are taken into the company after five grueling years at the Moiseyev school which accepts only 20 of the 600 or so that apply annually. There will be seven local per-

formances in Tel Aviv, Haifa and

Jerusalem from Saturday. Please note

> week's 'Time Out' the ISO was on tour. must be submitted to Indie Fattal by noon this Thursday due to the upcoming holiday.





Chicago jazz: Ragtime to our time

ARL Sandburg celebrated her energy and power. Al Capone made her notorious. Richard Daly branded her with infamy and Bill Clinton came to her with flow-

She's Chicago, "hog butcher to the world," the crossroads of America and, in the 1920s, the place to be for jazz. To this day, there are some 80 jazz clubs in Chicago, more than in any other city in the world.

Chicago jazz, from the mid-'20s to the present, is the theme of this year's Tel Aviv Museum of Art winter jazz series from October to March 1997. As usual, the visiting artist appears with Israeli jazz people, and they jam together.

Old Franz Jackson plays clarinet and sax. and sings, his gravelly voice reminiscent of Louis Armstrong's with whom he played in the '20s. Jackson is 85, but you'd never know

it from the sunlight sounds he makes. He keeps up with current jazz trends but his strength derives from ragtime, blues and swing.

Last year Chicago gave him the key to the city and he's coming here next month. Pianist Dani Gottfried, the series' artistic director, calls Ira Sullivan "an incredible

improviser and one of the unsung greats." Sullivan, past 60, plays trumpet and sax, a rare The December soloist is singer Francine Griffin, a Chicago star who sticks close to home. She started with bebop and sang with

She's followed by bassist numed violinist Johnny Frigo, who dates his career from the

such as Sonny Stitt, Winton Kelly and Paul

big-band era and played with Tommy Dorsey's brother Jimmy among others.

He abandoned his bass for the violin in the '80s. Here he's appearing with special guest star Nissim Yamini, in a tribute to Nat King

Drummer Paul Wertico (who regularly plays with Pat Metheny) and tenor sax Ari Brown, regarded as one of the top six horns in Chicago, complete the sextet of programs. Wertico ranges freely over many jazz genres, as does Brown, and both represent the current

lhicago jazz scene. Mifalei Discont (Discount Bank cultural fund) and Coca-Cola have contributed some of the approximately NIS 325,000 budget. The concerts are at TAMA and the Israel Museum. Tickets range from NIS 70 (NIS 10 less for museum members) per concert to NIS 390 for the series, (NIS 345 for members).

movies I've seen this year, and it's well worth the difficult viewing. . The picture begins with a shot of Eunice stomping along the shoulder of a northern English freeway,

mumbling frantically to herself. Whenever she arrives at a gas station, she marches inside and interrogates the girl behind the counter, demanding to know if they've got a certain record she's looking for, a love song. She then insists without fail that the cashier's name is when the girl begs to differ, Eunice grows hostile, gesticulating with a packet of letters (sup-

posedly from Judith), as if they were proof. Sometimes she becomes violent. In one case, though, the girl behind the counter follows her outside and tries to help. Miriam (Saskia Reeves) is pudgy and kind, a virgin with wide eyes, a sharply angular nose and a genuine belief in human goodness.

Eunice the free spirit captures her

imagination, and Miriam abruptly

invites her to stay the night in the spare room at her mother's house. The two become lovers and end up cruising the highways, supposedly in search of the mysterious Judith, but actually acting out a complex and at times brutal game of power and passion. Miriam, or Mi, as she's called, has fallen desperately in love with Eunice, or Eu (which makes them Mi and Eu). And Eunice, for her part, seems

to enjoy having someone along to

abuse. As Eunice grows increasingly more violent, strewing a trail of strangers' bodies behind them (for no apparent reason, except because she can, and because once she has become a murderer, she finds scant reason not to repeat the crime), Mi struggles to help her hide what she's done, and to quit killing once and for all. "I never stopped looking for the good in Eu," she explains, without guile, in a retrospective monologue that's spoken directly into a video

camera from some high-security sort of place, and woven into the action. While Plummer's performance is consistently scene-stealing, it's Saskia Reeves's patient, anguished portrayal of Mi that gives the film its plaintive emotional pitch. She manages, especially in these narrative sections, to convey a sympathetic sense both of what it means to lose perspective in love and to find one's moral compass irrevocably demagnetized: There's something touching about her need to make us understand why she acted as she did in Eu's company. (She's not scrambling to justify her actions in the confessional scenes so much as attempting to retrace her own twisted footprints and comprehend for herself what happened.) And the more we know

people, we can, as Mi does, see the parts of her that are still good. This process of gradual empathy is barbed, to say the least, and Winterbottom and Boyce are careful to make it clear that such deep identification can be deadly if taken too far, or if substituted for a sturdy sense of self. Eu snarls at ale girimeno al one point, "I'll make you evil before you make me good." And in some ways she succeeds. Mi is no innocent by the movie's end, just as Eu is not completely rotten.

and like Mi, the easier it is to rec-

ognize the charming, vital, needy

sides of Eu, too. While we can't

possibly fathom what leads her to

bash out the brains of innocent

With an unusual mixture of gravity and humor, grit and lyricism, the filmmakers dare ask moral questions without moralizing: Is the soul of a killer half empty or half full? And what of the rest of us? Do evil actions make us evil? Do good ones make

As should be clear from all of the above, the film will not appeal to everyone. Of course, no film will do that, but Butterfly Kiss is an especially radical case. Ironically enough, the brutality and "depravity" of the main character - qualities that are sure to turn some viewers off - are also what make the tenderness that one comes to feel for Eunice so strong and so strange. It's unsettling to care about a monster.

Picture this: Camerata in Jerusalem

OULD the Metropolitan Opera move from Manhattan to Austin?

But here in Israel one of our major orchestras is changing its residence, as of this season. The Israel Camerata, formerly of

Rehovot, is now in Jerusalem. "Our 1996 budget is NIS 4.5 million," says Camerata general director Ruth Brodie. "The 1997 budget should be NIS 5.5. million. And the municipality of Rehovot simply cannot help us any longer."

Rumors about the move to Jerusalem were in the air for a long time. But until the deed was sealed, orchestra personnel asked not to print anything. However, when the Camerata presented its subscribers with its 1996/97 season brochure, the new name was revealed: The Israel Camerata,

Not everybody in Jerusalem is happy about it. Ask Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra personnel and you will realize that they are far from thrilled. Some JSO players said, "It is simply not fair that the municipality should support another orchestra in the city, whilst we are still fighting for better salaries and working conditions and larger audiences. We are the city's major orchestra and there is really no need and no point in having another orchestra supported by the same

bodies. But Brodie says, "Whatever funding we get from the municipality does not come from the ISO's budget. They will not get less money because the municipality funds us. ... We have a different kind of an orchestra - we are not fighting over the same public." That said, Brodie hopes that "we can do things together with the

The Camerata actually played within the ISO subscription series this past season, but that was when

Those looking at the Camerata brochure for the coming season will not find any major changes from the past few seasons. The season comprises two series of four programs each, a choral series America next year and again in '98

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

and an instrumental one. This year each of the concerts will be performed once in Jerusalem and also in Rehovot and Tel Aviv. The choral series programs are repeated three times each in Tel Aviv. It is undoubtedly the most popu-

lar series around in our local classical music world. Biron explains that "this season was planned before we knew about the move to Jerusalem. Starting from the next season [1997/98] our programs will reflect the city we are working in."Biron is looking to a different kind of Camerata season in the

The move to Jerusalem is not an entirely independent one. It involves a very tight collaboration with the Jerusalem Music Center, which Biron is very thrilled about. We could benefit from their excellent recording studio which is really ideal for us. On the other hand they can benefit from the fact that they will have a sort of house orchestra. The young musicians they nurture can play with us, and now that there is an orchestra around, they can do conducting masterclasses which they never did in the past. These are the immediate benefits of this exciting collaboration. But much more will

Beni Galed, the general director of the JMC, says that "to begin with we are not taking two organizations and joining them into one. We are talking about a very tight joint venture which will benefit both of us. Obviously nothing major will happen in the coming season because we both have our plans in hand, but the future holds many exciting possibilities. With an orchestra around we can embark on much more television programs and educational projects and as the years pass, the collaboration can be even closer."

While the Camerata performs regularly in Israel the bulk of its work in recent years has been abroad. "From 1997 we will embark on four tours annually," Brodie says, which means "much more work for the orchestra. We have planned 15 concerts in North

and there is a Japanese tour as

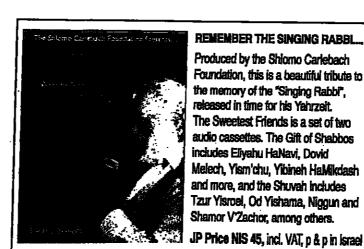
The Camerata features its instrumental programs on tour, and not the vocal and choral ones which are so popular in Israel. There is also a growing demand for recordings. The Camerata has currently two promotion discs, and quite a few are in the works for the next

The Israel Camerata is a unique musical organization. In an age in which many new orchestras have come and gone in Israel as a result of the massive immigration from the former Soviet Union, the Camerata, most of whose members are indeed immigrants, managed to carve for itself a very specific niche in the local music scene. It does not set to compete with any other orchestras. It works first and foremost where other orchestras fear to

tread, performing baroque vocal music. Moreover, being a chamber orchestra it very specifically sticks to its own repertoire and never tries to play works more akin to symphony orchestras. And in contrast to many other new and old orchestras, it has enjoyed unequivocal, unanimous acclaim from audience and critics alike.

In its recent European tour the Camerata enjoyed rave reviews from critics in Germany and the Netherlands too.

The Israel Camerata is now part and parcel of Jerusalem whether other local art organizations in the capital wish to accept it or not. The orchestra opens its season October 22 at the Henry Crown Symphony Hall with a program of two requiems, that of Mozart and that of Zelenka. But these requiems will not sound the knell for the orchestra. Rather they will signal



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Undermining visit

review government policy, criticize if necessary, and sometimes even make attained; tellingly, an Irish official has been decisions in opposition to the government if they are within the committee's purview. It is quite another matter for a Knesset committee to undertake extracurricular activities which actively undermine government policy, especially on sensitive issues that are outside of the scope of the committee's defined purpose. This is precisely what occured in yesterday's strange Knesset Interior Committee visit to Faisal Husseini's office at Orient House.

Successive Israeli governments, both Laborled and Likud-led, have attempted to prevent the Orient House from receiving any form of official recognition, either locally or internationally. With negotiations on the future status of Jerusalem slated to take place over the next three years, the establishment of precedents with respect to any official Palestinian presence in Jerusalem takes on a large measure of importance. This is especially true of Orient

Even if Orient House were merely claiming to be an alternative to the Jerusalem municipality, its existence would be a challenge to the Israeli concensus that Jerusalem must remain united under Israeli control. But Orient House claims to be much more. With Faisal Husseini widely recognized as holding the Jerusalem Affairs portfolio within the Palestinian Authority cabinet - even if Husseini himself is careful not to publicly assume that title - Orient House has become a symbol of Palestinian Authority presence in Jerusalem.

Most importantly, Orient House is a site regularly visited by foreign dignitaries as part of their consultations with PA officials, giving it a status approaching that of a foreign ministry office and signaling international support of the idea of Jerusalem as the future capital of a Palestinian state.

Indeed, Foreign Minister David Levy spent the better part of his visit to Dublin last week attempting to persuade the European Union "troika" composed of Ireland, the Netherlands and Italy to cancel plans to visit the Orient House during its fact-finding mission to the of special importance. Middle East later this year. Despite Levy's efforts, Ireland, which holds the rotating presi- guard if it intends to remain in control of the dency of the EU, is reportedly determined to go

NESSET committees are meant to ahead with the planned visit, further underscoring the important position Orient House has quoted as saying that "if it's not the Orient House, there is no point in going."

Yesterday's Knesset Interior Committee trip undercut the government's efforts to prevent high-level foreign visits to Orient House. It will now be difficult for government representatives to argue against such visits when a committee from Israel's own Knesset is willing to grant the building and Husseini an official visit "to discuss matters concerning the residents of eastern Jerusalem," in the words of committee chair-

man Sallah Tarif (Labor). The undermining of foreign policy is even more inappropriate coming from a committee whose mandate is defined as interior affairs. Tarif's claim that the visit was meant only to deal with matters concerning eastern Jerusalem that are within the committee's purview smacks of false naivete, given Husseini's public position and the bipartisan insistence in Israel of maintaining the role of the Jerusalem Municipality as the sole local authority in Jerusalem.

The fact that three MK's, Benny Elon, Ze'ev Boim and Avraham Stern, were prevented from entering even the grounds of the Orient House by Palestinian guards also raises a number of questions. Although Elon's request for police accompaniment during the visit was demonstrative and exaggerated, it is a fact that the Israel Police has for a number of years treated Orient House as a de facto extraterritorial site, akin to a foreign embassy.

This policy is an additional factor undermining the government's claim that it is making all possible efforts to block any official Palestinian presence in Jerusalem, and Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani would do well to review it. Given the persistent accounts of Palestinian undercover police activity in Jerusalem, some of it reportedly connected to Orient House and questions as to whether the PA has actually closed or moved three of its offices that had been operating in eastern Jerusalem, a review of this kid-gloves policy is-

The government cannot afford to drop its

Cause & effect Dry Bones

LISA FRYDMAN

was still complaining about last week's back-to-school morning traffic, smarting from taking an hour to get nowhere fast. when my own private concerns were slammed into proportion by the news that one little boy had borrowed his mother's scarf. wrapped it around his not quite 12-year-old neck and taken his

Why? Because not only did he not have a shiny new NIS 300 backpack to show off on his first

What does it say about the system when a child kills himself because he has no

schoolbooks?

day of school like most of the other kids, he also had no books. Kids being kids, his classmates had made fun of him, not realizing how cruel they were being, not appreciating the profound impact

of their taunts. We can all remember the fat kids getting it, the teasing the "carrot-heads" received, how the crybabies were ridiculed instead of comforted. My own particular share was being called "Four-Eyes" - and that even before I was old enough to have heard the mocking "Men don't make passes at girls who wear glasses."

But the chubby, the redheads, the cryers and the bespectacled can usually, at the end of the day, run home to Mom and Dad and share the pain of being "differ-

A kid without books can't. because his parents are the ones he blames for his predicament. A kid without books has no one to turn

to but himself - and if that self isn't strong enough to take the heat unthinkable tragedy may strike, as it did last week.

WE CAN sit back and shake our heads, all the while eyeing our kids' new backpacks thankfully, knowing their books are safely tucked inside.

We cannot bring that little boy back, but we can point the finger at the system that swallowed him

That system says parents must pay school dues, or else books (when bought in bulk and distributed by the school) will be withheld from their children.

According to one administrator at the boy's school, "To the best of my knowledge no books have ever been withheld from children who cannot pay (the NIS 1,200 dues) - but we need to send the parents messages via the children, to remind the parents to pay." In other words, the authorities

use children as the ultimate weapon to pressure parents to pay up. And if the parents don't, can't or won't, the way opens up to the ımthinkable.

I keep remembering the suicide note the boy left behind. "Why." he wrote his parents, "why didn't you pay the school dues?"

Enter our education spin doctors, who sped to the scene to let the system off the hook. Each had his own soundbite to lament the sad, sad situation.

I listened to their remarks and longed to scream out "Cut the crap. The minute that little boy or any other child - walked into a classroom empty-handed, something should have been done to rectify the situation."

Is it fair for a disadvantaged child to be served a double whammy? Is it fair that he or she should have to cope with poverty at home and then have no way out in our

OTHER

JEWS:

"free" educational system?

SO ELITIST/

Instead of sending "messages" home via the children, our educators should take care to insure that needy kids aren't made to feel different from their peers.

THE CHRISTIANS

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I wasn't there. I don't know the boy's family, his friends, his neighborhood or his teachers. But a little compassion in this case might perhaps have made all the difference.

The children at the boy's school have, of course, been left traumatized. They have also, young as they are, been brutally taught that money is more important than anything else. Is this really the

message the school system wants to impart?

THE MOSCEMS HAD RELIGIOUS

WARS AGAINST THE CHRISTIANS AND THE JEWS

School is supposed to give pupils food for thought. Every one of us must take the responsibility for making sure we have a society where none of our children end up

What happened last week to a little guy who had no one to turn to should make everyone connected with the education system think long and hard about cause and effect, and about the kind of messages they are sending our children.

The writer is a freelancer living in Jerusalem.

maintain 35,000 fully-armed

occupation troops in Cyprus (in

contrast to the 10,000-strong

National Guard of the Republic).

describe Turkey's policy in

Cyprus is to call it a blatant case

of ethnic cleansing. This is not a

new practice for Turkey, which

has for years practised it ruthless-

ly against various minorities both

Another consequence of

within and beyond its borders.

The most pertinent way to

A case of might versus right ignored the international communumber of articles and PETROS EFTYCHIOU nity's verdict. Turkey continues to

objectives in Cyprus

commentaries have been published recently in the international media concerning the Cyprus problem. Most of them showed at least a modicum of respect regarding the cold-blooded killing of unarmed demonstrators that took place recently in Cyprus.

There were of course notable exceptions, commentaries which took it upon themselves to "justify" the unjustifiable, to cynically inform the victims of the ongoing Cypriot tragedy that no matter what befalls them, it is their own fault. These commentaries displayed great familiarity with Turkey's method of argument, trying to "explain away" its invasion and continuing occupation of 38 percent of the territory of the

Republic of Cyprus. Following the recent tragic events in Cyprus during which one Greek Cypriot was lynched by, among others, uniformed Turks and another was shot to death by the Turkish occupation troops, we have been hearing primarily from Turkish sources that the only way to solve the Cyprus problem is to keep the island partitioned and Greek and

Turkish Cypriots apart. This position has been the primary Turkish objective for decades. The said tragic events are being used as a pretext for Turkey to promote its interests. The call for viewing the Cyprus

problem from a realpolitik angle is no more than an attempt to mask where the problem really To understand the roots of the

problem, some historical background is necessary: Cyprus became independent in 1960 after four years of an armed struggle in which it faced not only the colonial power of the day but organized military activity on the part of Turkey as well. In the early 1950s Turkey, in cooperation with the current Turkish Cypriot leader, Mr. Denktash, set up the Volkan underground militant organization whose sole objective was partitioning Cyprus, or as their slogan,

had it, Taksim (partition). Tactically, the prime objective of Turkey and its collaborators in FURTHER proof of Turkey's Cyprus was to try to show that

Greek and Turkish Cypriots couldn't live with each other, as they had been doing for centuries, and that they should be separated and the island partitioned.

Denktash has admitted this insome of his publications, saying that he had organized for reasons of provocation a number of vio-

In a document dated September

14 1963, signed by Denktash and

the then Turkish Cypriot vice-

president of Cyprus, the following

very clear description of Turkish

London Agreements as a tempo-

rary stage, and it was for this rea-

son that we signed them. If they

were not a temporary stage but

the end solution we would not

have accepted them. We would

have prolonged for a further

period the dispute between the

two communities and we would

have asked the UN for parti-

"The Turkish community, inter-

spersed throughout the island, will

be forcibly concentrated into an

area which it will be obliged to

defend. The size of the area will

depend on the strategic plan pre-

pared by experts. Before the fight-

ing breaks out the Turkish com-

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intentions toward Cyprus is given by then Turkish foreign minister F. Koprulu who stated in 1954 (six revert to Turkey on the basis of geographical proximity."

lent attacks even against Turkish before 1974, when Turkey seized interests in Cyprus. (i.e. bombing the opportunity offered by the of the Turkish press office in coup d'etat against the govern-

years before the establishment of the republic) that "Cyprus is an extension of Turkey. It should The above Turkish statements

and activities took place well

occupy 38 percent of its territory.

admissions, cited above, how

could anyone deny their real

objectives in Cyprus? To claim, as

some do, that the victims of

Turkey's aggression are them-

selves to blame for all that has

befallen them is nothing short of

Let us recall the brutal conse-

quences of the Turkish invasion.

which they themselves call the

Using 35,000 troops and sup-

ported by its air force and navy

Turkey invaded Cyprus on July

20, 1974. In the span of one month it occupied 38 percent of

the territory of the Republic of

Cyprus and forcefully evicted

167,000 Greek Cypriots (one-

third of the population of Cyprus)

from their homes, turning them

into refugees in their own country.

Over 4,000 Greek Cypriots

were killed by the invading forces

and another 1,619 of all ages,

proven alive after the end of hos-

tilities, have been missing since

The invasion has been con-

demned by numerous UN General

Assembly and Security Council

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Turkey's invasion of Cyprus, often hushed up, is that since In the face of Turkey's own admissions surely no one could deny their real

1974, when Turkey invaded and occupied part of the Republic of Cyprus, 25 percent of the Turkish Cypriot community (about 40,000 people) have left Cyprus and emigrated to a number of other countries. In their place and in the place of the displaced Greek Cypriots, Turkey has transplanted ment of the Republic of Cyprus in 80,000 of its own citizens. This information clearly indicates order to invade and militarily

Turkey's intention to create a Turkish majority in the occupied part of Cyprus, which has never had any relations with the Greek Cypriot community - thus hoping to make rapprochement impossible. Turkey and its collaborators in Cyprus know that, unprovoked,

the two Cypriot communities can resolve their differences and live together, as they did for more than 300 years.

It is for this reason that Turkey constantly foments conflict situations in Cyprus - in order to strengthen its claims for partition. The problem in finding a resolu-

tion in Cyprus is not a lack of proposed solutions but rather, as the UN secretary-general put it in a relevant report to the Security Council, "the lack of political will on the Turkish side for reaching a solu-

Recent events in Cyprus did not, as some would have us believe. prove that the two Cypriot communities cannot live with each other. On the contrary, they showed who is responsible for continuing separation on the

The writer is ambassador of the resolutions, yet Turkey has to date Republic of Cyprus.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR LEADERS AND LOSERS

comrades recognize that precisely

their arrogance and pretense to intel-

lectual superiority caused them to

forfeit the confidence of the major-

ity of Israel's citizens? They used

government agents to delegitimize

the opposition, calling them allies of

the Hamas. They discarded pre-elec-

tion commitments to stay on the

Golan and to not recognize the PLO.

They negotiated with enemy agents

when it was illegal to do so. Orches-

trated by Mr. Beilin, they secretly,

in academic guise and through dip-

lomatic "non-papers," sought to di-

vide Jerusalem, even as they vehe-

mently denied doing so. They nearly

divided the nation and plunged it

Mr. Beilin dares accuse Prime

Minister Netanyahu of betraying

campaign promises and deceiving

the nation even before he has had

one hundred days to prove himself.

that what bothers Mr. Beilin most

about Netanyahu and Reagan is that

these men won the majority support

of their respective democracies.

against his superior judgment. Most

of the people, he implies, were

fooled. Some, the smart ones like

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leaders. Born losers can't stand

It would seem, on the bottom line,

into a bloody civil war.

Sir, - Yossi Beilin, in his "Undeserved compliment" (August 20), dismisses US Republican vice-presidential candidate Jack Kemp's comparison of Prime Minister Netanyahu to former presidents Lincoln and Reagan as "half-right."

Mr. Beilin argues that Netanyahu is a long way from Lincoln, "a selfmade champion of ethics who took the historic decision to put an end to slavery and crate a nation [sic] with a bloody civil war." Continuing his garbled recollection of history, the former minister without portfolio claims that, by contrast, our prime minister indeed has much in common with the "pathetic" "soundbite" Reagan who was "amazingly elected to a second term at the age of 73" as "his wife Nancy decided the

future with her astrological charts." Coming within a week of Mrs. Reagan's moving tribute to her ailing husband, it comes as a particularly cheap shot and an insult to all Americans. And, as the devoted "poodle" of an elder statesman who tried and failed for the fifth time to be elected prime minister, writing in the same week as MK Peres's 73rd birthday, Beilin would seem to be either crying sour grapes or projecting deflected Freudian frustration at the failure of his mentor to continue

paving his path to power. When will Mr. Beilin and his

EXTREME LANGUAGE

Sir, - Once again we are witness to the classic double standard of the "enlightened" left. The grossest, most patronizing insults directed against the religious "primitives" that appear time and again in print and on the air are accepted with equanimity under the principles of freedom of expression, pluralism. tolerance, etc. But let the religious camp hit back in kind, and cries of incitement, rebellion, anti-democra-

Many prominent people with no connection to the haredim have expressed uneasiness at Chief Justice Barak's philosophy of extending the. Supreme Court's authority into all sorts of problems where the key. issues are not judicial niceties, but rather political and social realities. A Supreme Court that is never subjected to popular evaluation, but is in essence a self-perpetuating clone of the secular community, can hardly be accepted as the sole, final arbiter in matters that affect the

deepest feelings of observant Jews. A degree of control by a populariy elected legislature is surely in order when basic problems arise between the religious and secular

him, were not.

Ramat Hasharon.

communities. Furthermore, the hysteria shown by leading radio and TV commentators concerning the harsh language of haredi proclamations is simply another demonstration of the former's massive ignorance of the haredi community. At any given time, the streets of Mea She arim and Geula are plastered with declamations issued by local, rival groups against each other or against immodesty of dress, and so on, expressed in the most extreme, horrific language. This "literary" style is simply the reverse of the exaggerated praise heaped upon an author or scholar who finds favor in the eyes of the writer, and has as little meaning in the one direction as in the other. DR. MORRIS GOLDMAN

DISCONTENTED VOTER

Sir, - Like many others, I approached with the utmost seriousness the opportunity to participate in the making of Israel's geographic and political future, in an effort to decide my preferences for Israel's 1996 national elections.

When the dust had settled and my man for the office had been found the loser, I took the news of the election results well. I was sure that the Labor party would serve the country as a loyal yet fully politically active opposition. And, as to the victors, I was confident that a Bibiled government would ultimately prove beneficial to Israel, that over the next four years we would become a stronger and more united

What I have seen since the end of May has significantly reduced my confidence in the Israeli political system, if not Israeli society as a whole. The new government, with its internal bickering, indecision and PR sheen, is an embarrassment. It collectively speaks in 20 different tongues, claiming a desire to cominue the peace process while flagrantly and stupidly thumbing its nose at its negotiation partners. Moreover, its house is a mess and its ranks are divided. It in no way projects an image of strength and it does not convince that it has anything ap-proaching a plan for molding the fate of the country.

The opposition, however, is no better. Indeed, I wonder if it is worse. I applaud the efforts of Peres and others to continue to build and maintain the bridges to peace. However, I cannot understand the henefit of damaging nationwide strikes or fear-spreading declarations of a coming war with Syria. Such efforts undermine the strength of the country and foster an image of

Today more than ever before the policies of our leaders must be rooted in and reflect a sensitivity for a common good. Party politicking, intra and inter, is a healthy component of the democratic system, but not when partisan moves take precedence over collective and individual survival. Such is the lesson of the failure of the Jewish polity of 2,000 years ago. It would be a horrific shame if the mistakes of the past recur today.

POSTSCRIPTS

THE PERUVIAN army has ordered a whole city to stay home and clean up its yards. To rid Pucalipa of dirty rainwa-

ter stagnating in discarded containers, the jungle city's 250,000 residents were placed under cur-

The army stood by to ensure the 24-hour curfew from Saturday to Sunday evening was not wasted on barbecues or parties but used to "throw away tins, bottles, coconut shells or any other junk," army commander Juan Bosco said.

The measure is for the untidy Pulcailpans' own good, because mosquitos transmitting deadly AVI REMBAUM dengue disease breed in dirty rainwater, Bosco said.

A BRITISH prisoner trying to escape from jail spent two days coloring his body with a fluorescent yellow felt pen to make his warders think he had jaundice.

The inmate, serving six years for armed robbery at Parkhurst prison, hoped he would be transferred to a hospital, from which it would be easier to break out.

The plan failed when a prison officer looked into his cell and saw the inmate coloring his face.

his body - even his private parts." one warder said. "He had made such a good job of it. He was a very bright yellow indeed.

"He had carefully painted all

"He would probably have died

an attack so severe that it turned before they reach their final resihis skin that color."

BILL HALE is one of the few furniture makers who will guarantee his product for more than a Hale's coffee tables, book-

cases, liquor cabinets and blanket chests all are designed to go with their owners to their graves. "Everybody laughs at me at

first, but once I explain it, everybody goes, 'Hmmm, good idea," says Hale, owner of the Down to Earth Coffin Company in Webster, New Hampshire.

Hale makes coffins. But because most people don't plan far enough ahead to buy their own, from jaundice if he was suffering he has found uses for his products ing places. 'It makes a great liquor cabi

net," Hale says, He also will install temporary shelves inside for books or put hinges on a specially made door so a coffin can double as a gum cabinet.

Virginia O'Connor of Plymouth keeps her coffin, a plain pine casket with rope handles, in her living room.

"We use it for a coffee table." says O'Connor, 70. "I call it my coffin table. The kids kneel down and do coloring books and puz zles on it. It's very, very handy.

'There are some people who want some input in what they're planted in," Hale says.

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After launching cruise missiles into southern Iraq, an American B-52 bomber returned Wednesday morning to Andersen Air Force Base in Guam, where it was met by a maintenance crew.

By ELAINE SCIOLING

WASHINGTON HE first question to John Deutch, the Director of Central Intelligence, after he gave a speech on terrorism last week was the one that a lot of people may have been wondering about but were afraid to ask:

"I would hate to sound cruel and that sort of thing. but with all the Kurds being killed and the rough situation in Iraq, I can't help but wonder why we haven't killed Saddam Hussein," a member of the audience said. 'It just seems like if we could get him out of the picture. it'd be much easier."

The audience at Georgetown University laughed. Mr. Deutch patiently explained that assassination was against America's laws. Besides, he said, it isn't something the United States does particularly well.

The answer is as obvious as the question, but it defies common sense. After the Iraqi leader invaded Kuwait six years ago, President Bush called him a "wacko" and "worse than Hitler." Defeated militarily by an international coalition, subjected to the toughest economic sanctions in history, denied control of a fourth of his territory by American warplanes, how is it that he

is still around to make more trouble?

The answer to that question is less obvious. But it is the same for President Clinton as it was for President Bush. Both Administrations, it seems, would have welcomed Saddam Hussein's departure from the political stage, but only with a long list of conditions:

9 As long as Iraq didn't disintegrate in the process. ¶ As long as America's allies weren't too badly offended or frightened

4 As long-as Iran wouldn't step into the breach.

As long as Americans weren't put at risk.

As long as the operation didn't cost too much. In other words, if Iraqis themselves could remove another strongman, keep the country intact and do it without bothering the neighbors, it would be a good thing. If they couldn't, the United States has had no

intention of doing it for them. So two Administrations have fallen into a course of half-measures: Keep Mr. Hussein isolated with political and economic sanctions, and punish him with limited military force whenever he shows signs of military adventurism. However much from time to time policy makers might wish him gone, they have been paralyzed by what they think the cost would be: another massive war involving American troops; a large-scale, lengthy covert operation, or costly air strikes that would upset

nervous allies in the region and might not work anyway. There was Mr. Hussein again last week, smiling in

grainy Iraqi television footage (was this some bad rerun from the 1991 gulf war days?) as he declared victory against the United States and vowed to retaliate against American interests, even as President Clinton was declaring on American television that Iraq had been punished by American military power. There, too, were the national security aides from the Bush Administration again, defending their unfinished war and selectively reinterpreting history in the process.

Thomas Jefferson, Where Are You?

Toppling Mr. Hussein was never part of the war plan, and who's to say anyone else would have been better, said Colin Powell, the wartime chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. "I have never quite seen a Saddam Thomas Jefferson Hussein standing in the wings, ready to come out and be a democrat," he told CNN.

What none of the Bush officials said, of course, was that Mr. Hussein may be in power today because of the American decision to end the 100-hour war before destroying Mr. Hussein's elite Republican Guard. The Bush Administration wanted to avoid the impression that the victorious Americans were eager to slaughter the retreating Iraqis; thus they lost the chance to deprive Mr.

Hussein of the force that, now as then, forms the military backbone behind his power.

Fast forward to the Clinton years. The events of last week were an unwelcome reminder that the Clinton team has done no better than the Bush team at reaching (or even defining) its long-term goals in Iraq.

Asked whether the ultimate goal of Washington's attacks was the removal of Mr. Hussein from power, Defense Secretary William Perryl said that all of the American responses to him through the wears were or "ounish him" if he did take those actions, Well then, a questioner asked, if Mr. Hussein's ouster is not the goal, won't the United States have to hit him over and over: Yes, Mr. Perry essentially said.

Mr. Deutch sees it a bit differently: The United States wants Mr. Hussein to go - if the country does not

We stand for a change in the regime in Iraq that will not only preserve the integrity of the country, but will stop it from being an obvious threat to its neighbors," he told his audience at Georgetown.

Even a covert C.I.A. operation to overthrow the Iraqi leader that was authorized by Mr. Clinton this year offers scant evidence of real determination. It seems much too

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He's No Christie Whitman

15% Hasn't Been Dole's Solution

By R. W. APPLE Jr.

WASHINGTON HREE years ago this fall, a relatively unknown New Jersey politician from a locally famous Republican clan, Christine Todd Whitman, frustrated Gov. Jim Florio's bid for re-election, largely on the strength of promised (and subsequently delivered) tax cuts. She and her campaign have since cast an iconic spell over her party, not least Bob Dole

But with less than two months to go until Election Day, with conventions having convened and bounces having bounced, with Mr. Dole and his running mate having ceaselessly trumpeted their promise to cut income taxes 15 percent and still balance the budget in short order, the New Jersey juju does not seem to be working. Mr. Dole trails President Clinton by 13 percentage points in the latest New York Times/CBS poll, and people are talking landslide. So what's wrong?

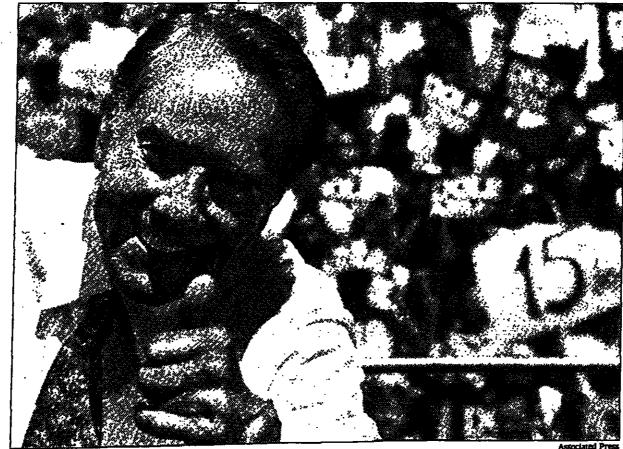
The campaign itself blames neither the message for the messenger. It blames the image makers, and ast week it replaced them, pushing aside Don Sipple and Mike Murphy, a pair of established media pros, in favor of a less experienced but more aggressive trio of dvisers. Campaigns going nowhere fast often do this cind of thing; as a matter of fact, Mr. Dole brought in Vir. Sipple to replace Bill Lacy last February when nings were going badly.

Ebb Tide

To tell the truth, there has been nothing very memoable about the Sipple/Murphy ads. But no one outside he Dole campaign thinks the new media consultants will have an easy time selling the candidate or his tax cut. Economics is important, but there are other issues in

his as in all elections. This time, the Republicans' stand in abortion has cost them dearly, especially in the pivotal in another and especially among women, who account for much of of Mr. Clinton's lead. Mrs. Whitman, who favors abortion rights, faced no such hurdle; indeed, she ran strongly in the suburban belts around New York and Strong Philadelphia, exactly the kinds of places where Mr. Dole

She was young (47) and fresh; Mr. Dole is old (73) and, if by no means worn out, overfamiliar as a political



Bob Dole, shown in Costa Mesa, Calif., hasn't been unable to overcome skepticism about his tax-cut pledge.

insider in a day when experience is counted a Hability, not an asset. She is personable and telegenic, as she showed in Chicago last month; on the small screen, he looks klutzy and rather forbidding. She caught a rising Republican tide, a year before the party's great Congressional sweep of 1994; he must fight a Republican ebb tide, the result of public disenchantment with the party's steward-

ship on Capitol Hill in the last two years. And there's another reason that Mr. Dole might Suffer in comparison with Mrs. Whitman on the subject of

taxes. Most state constitutions (including New Jersey's) require balanced budgets, so wary voters know that if tax cuts reduce revenues, governors will be forced to cut spending by an equal amount, however unpopular that may prove. At the Federal level, there is no legal requirement to match programs to resources, which has led Presidents to do the politically popular thing first, cutting taxes, and postpone the political root canai ther-

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Peer Pressure

In a land of conformity, a new excuse for Japan's children to bully each other.

By Sheryl WuDunn

Overlooking the Past

For former Khmer Rouge leader, it's forgive and forget.

By Seth Mydans

Patterns of Nature

A world of order in vibrating grains of sand.

By George Johnson

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Ideas & Trends

From Grains of Sand: A World of Order

By GEORGE JOHNSON

SANTA FE, N.M. IKING the mesas and canyons of northern New Mexico, a visitor is occasionally startled to find a shard of broken pottery decorated with intricate geometrical designs. The Anasazi, who lived here hundreds of years ago, craved not only food and sunlight but pattern. Not all the symmetries found along the trail are artificial: spiraling pine cones, shimmering crystals, radiating petals of flowers. There seems to be something natural, almost effortless, about the way pattern arises in nature — with or without the help of human hands.

Last week in the journal Nature, scientists at the University of Texas and the University of Santiago in Chile described a remarkable experiment in which they tapped into nature's self-organizing flow. Jiggling a layer of sand at just the right rhythm caused patterns of circular peaks and craters to emerge. Sometimes these vibrating structures — dubbed oscillons — joined to form larger patterns, which came together to form still more intricate designs. The photographs of this naturally arising order call to mind the process of subatomic particles combining to form atoms, and atoms to form molecules and crystals - science's Great Chain of

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It is hard not to let the imagination run wild. Could real particles - the quarks and leptons of particle physics — be created from the jostlings of some kind of incredibly tiny subatomic sand? With the right rhythms, could scientists jostle their sandboxes so that the "molecules" combined to form cells, and the cells joined with other cells to produce some weird artificial life?

These are the kinds of speculative leaps you sometimes hear when hanging out with complexity theorists. But behind the fantasies is a serious, sober effort to understand one of science's most engaging mysteries: how order emerges in the world. Experiments like the

one described in Nature show that masses of identical tokens (like the sand grains), each capable of interacting only with its immediate neighbors, can spontaneously generate intricate patterns. Then these patterns become tokens in another game, consorting with one another to form the next level in an intricate hierarchy. Simplicity gives rise to complexity.

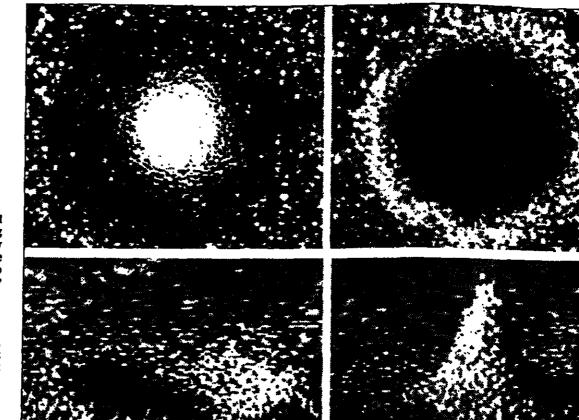
Are More Laws Needed?

Instead of grains of sand, think of neurons in a brain, each communicating only with its neighbors and yet generating the far-reaching patterns of thought. Or think of traders buying and selling, each of these purely selfish exchanges giving rise to the blind, overarching forces of the marketplace, Adam Smith's invisible hand. In all these examples, there is no need of a Grand Conductor. looking down from above and orchestrating the flow. The order bubbles up from below, as though something

universal were going on.

Murray Gell-Mann, the Nobel prize-winning physicist who helped found the Santa Fe Institute, a leading center for the study of complex systems, succinctly summarized the mystery in the title of his book, "The Quark and the Jaguar." How do you get from the very simple — like the quarks Dr. Gell-Mann discovered — to creatures with drives and desires of their own? You cannot predict what the jaguar will do from the equations of the Standard Model, the body of law governing sub-atomic particles. But surely there is nothing about jag-uars — which are made, after all, from quarks — that defies the fundamental laws of physics.

Is there a parallel between sand grains cooperating to form oscillons and quarks cooperating to form the particles that form the atoms that form jaguars? Stuart Kauffman, Dr. Gell-Mann's colleague and sometime antagonist at the Santa Fe Institute, believes that the laws we already know are not enough to understand these great towers of complexity. Something extra is needed a grand principle that would explain how order inexorably arises in the world. In his view, it is not by chance that molecules in the primal sea came together to form the first self-reproducing cell, the grandparent of us all. The



Vibrating granule-sized brass spheres, seen from above (top) and from the side (below), form peaks and dips.

chemistry was guided by yet-to-be-discovered laws of

self-organization, laws that are as fundamental and irreducible as those of physics. Not everyone agrees that so radical an approach is

called for. Complexity, as Dr. Gell-Mann sees it, can be explained by the laws we already have - as long as we take into account the role of randomness. By themselves, the simple laws of physics cannot predict the evolutionary accidents that led life on earth to develop the way it

To go from quarks to jaguars, you need to take into account a lot of extra information — the unpredictable twists and turns of a history that could have unfolded in many different ways. The wild card of randomness insures that the world will be filled with interesting surprises. But this complexity can be explained, though not precisely predicted, without the need of new fundamental principles.

Pondering these matters, one is inevitably led to the question of where nature's laws - the patterns that govern the patterns - come from in the first place. Do they somehow bubble up from below, emergent properties of simple interactions? In the sand experiment, the scientists discovered that their oscillons obeyed a familiar rule: opposites attract, and vice versa. A peak and a crater latch together to form a double structure. Two peaks or two craters repel each other. Is it meaningful that this is the same general law obeyed by magnets and electrically charged objects? Or is it just another of nature's coincidences?

Like the grains of sand in the experiment, we are tiny parts of a great order that we do not understand. Dressed in our checked shirts and striped blouses, as obsessively geometric as Anasazi pots, we strain to gaze beyond our tiny neighborhood and grasp the greatest

He's No Christie Whitman

The Tax Cut Still Leaves Dole a Poll Deficit

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apy, trimming entitlements. This year voters are increasingly content

with their economic lot, according to the Times/CBS poll, and increasingly they give Mr. Clinton a fair amount of the credit. Even among the 40 percent of the electorate that says the standard of living of the next generation is not likely to improve, Mr. Dole is able to do no better than hold Mr. Clinton

People may detest the Internal Revenue Service and the whole tax structure, but Mr. Dole has proposed no root-and-branch reform of taxes. He might have done better if he had, instead of settling for a pallid and often offhand commitment to work for a "fairer, flatter" income tax system.

As it is, the Republicans are having trouble getting people to believe them. Despite all their efforts to convince the public that their supply-side formula will make it possible to cut taxes, preserve essential services and balance the budget, all at the same time, people are growing more skeptical,

not less. Last month, shortly after Mr. Dole's proposals were unveiled, 51 percent of the electorate expressed doubts about his ability to make the tax cuts he has promised; in the latest survey, the figure rose to 64 percent —

almost two-thirds. And although voters say they trust Mr. Dole more than Mr. Clinton. an astonishing 41 percent say that if he won. he would increase taxes, 35 percent say he would leave them as they are and a mere 18 percent say he would actually out them

A big reason may be Mr. Dole's own record. He is a belated convert to supplyside economics, recruited by Steve Forbes and others after a political lifetime of loudly advocating spending cuts before tax cuts. Indeed, he still describes himself, in unguarded moments on the campaign trail, as "a longtime deficit hawk" — just the sort of bird supply-siders gun for.

Rubber Numbers

Of course, it may simply be too early for the new message to sink in. Maybe by November a tax cut will prove as powerful a lure as in the past, regardless of its budgetbusting potential. Mrs. Whitman, 20 percentage points down in the polls in mid-October. caught Mr. Florio at the wire, winning by only 25,000 votes.

There is plenty of evidence that Americans still shrink from difficult budgetary decisions, especially if they believe their own benefits are imperiled.

In the last two years, Newt Gingrich has confronted, far more squarely than the Clin-



Bob Dole and his wife, Elizabeth, at a rally last month in Chicago.

Dole shows his supply side; voters show their skeptical side.

ton Administration has ever done, the kinds of spending cuts long-term deficit-elimination would entail, and that, along with his abrasive advocacy, has earned him a political black eye.

But perhaps Americans are growing more sophisticated in evaluating the rubber numbers that politicians love so dearly at campaign time.

Former Vice President Walter F. Mondale, who earned a spot in political annals for his self-immolating advocacy of a deficitfighting tax increase in the 1984 Presidential campaign, said the other evening: "The difference is that the public has had a taste of Reaganomics and its deficits. Then they hadn't, so I got crucified." Dole, Kemp & Co. insist, of course, that if supply-side economics had been applied rigorously, the deficit would have shrunk, not grown.

Such would be the result of their own plans, they argue, but the public seems to disagree.

Campaigning on Portents of Doom and Boom

By TIMOTHY EGAN

ILL CLINTON while walking across your bridge to the 21st century, take a long look back at the middle part of this one. Divorce was rare and most children were born into two-parent

Bob Dole, while harkening back to a country that you say was better and more civil, say hello to the early days of the 20th century, when Jim Crow was enforced formally in the South, informally elsewhere, and about I of 200 Americans was addicted to cocaine or opium. This year, the quadrennial political debate over just

how bad things are is joined by the sound of fin-de-siècle sirens for the death of character, spirituality and even Tuesday-night bowling leagues. This prompts some social critics to say we have simply become a nation of

whiners.

Still, the fog of global refuses to lift in many quarters. It is good for pot fallsm, book publishers, preachers and political indercases.

But beyond people who may have a stake in a glasshalf-empty view, the persistent sense of decline seems to have taken on a life of its own.

Perceptions and Election Targets

The Presidential race, on a significant level, is about crafting a narrative that fits with people's perceptions of their lives. Challengers, be they Bob Dole or Ross Perot. usually say the country has gone to hell. Incambents say things are looking up.

Recent polling indicates that this durable equation may not work as expected this year. The New York may have roll finds the public rating the economy the best since 1988, giving credit to the President even the pessimists, those most anxious about the state of their lives, are leaning toward Mr. Chining.

It's standard procedure. Challengers say the country is floundering. Incumbents say things are going swimmingly.

For Mr. Dole to convince people that he can return them to a time of "tranquillity, faith and confidence in action," the nation has to feel as though its best days are

On the major issues, Mr. Dole points to decay. In San Diego, he said, "We are a nation paralyzed by crime," with "the lowest education achievers among the leading industrial nations," a place where "drug use has soared among the young." As for general prosperity, Mr. Dole says, taxes are up, wages are down and the overall economy "is in the tank."

For President Clinton, optimism has replaced the fears that he himself stoked four years ago, when he decried a nation where most Americans "work harder and earn less." At the 1992 convention the Democrats sounded exactly like Bob Dole does today, and portrayed a country of "decline, decay and deception."

Now, Mr. Clinton trumpets the 10 million new jobs created on his watch, and tries to dispel the effect of people who respond, "Yeah, and I've got three of them." Americans have become so accustomed to quantum

leaps in their quality of life that any leveling off is seen as decline, says Robert J. Samuelson, author of "The Good Life and Its Discoments: The American Dream in the Age of Entitlement." "We expected that life in all its aspects would constantly improve," he writes "Chur

present extreme pessimism is merely the mirror image of this earlier extreme optimism. Neither is justified."

At some point in the coming weeks before the election, most Americans are likely to ask: How bad is it now? Or, put the other way: how good was it before? While statistics can be marshaled to go in any direction, some general truths emerge:

The economy. For the last 20 years, median wages adjusted for inflation have remained flat. The gulf between the rich and the poor is great.

But the American economy is now in the best shape of any modern democracy, creating so many new jobs that many areas are reporting acute labor shortages. As a result, wages are finally edging up. Home ownership is the highest it's been in two decades.

What's more, despite widespread anxiety over corporate downsizing, nearly two-thirds of the new jobs created in the last two years were in areas that paid higher than the median wage, according to a recent Government report.

Americans, however, see something else. The latest New York Times/CBS News Poll found that 68 percent of the people surveyed thought it was somewhat or very hard to find a good job at good wages locally.

Drugs and crime. Drug use among teen-agers jumped 80 percent since Mr. Clinton took office, but the number of Americans who said they used an illicit drug dropped to 12 million this year from 22 million in 1984.

Serious crime dropped last year for the fourth consecutive year, especially homicide. Arguably, Americans are safer compared to 10 years ago but not compared to the 1940's or 1950's.

Health. About 40 million Americans lack health insurance. One in three is overweight. But many lifethreatening diseases now have cures. Also, with the advent of Medicare in 1965 came the first generation of elderly Americans free of fears that even a relatively

minor illness could bankrupt them. Education. In 1945 just 5 percent of American adults degrees. Last year, 25 percent had college degrees; 81 percent had finished high school. And for the first time the percentage of black high school graduates roughly equals that of whites.

Still, dropout rates are high, and American test scores lag behind those of other industrial nations.

Morals. Though a tough thing to measure, this has been a hardy perennial in books and speeches on decline. In 1945, 3.9 percent of children were born out of wedlock; last year, 31 percent were. Divorce, in the last 30 years, has nearly quadrupled, but shows signs of leveling off.

Church attendance has declined, with about 37 percent of Americans attending once a week. But this is still higher than in any other industrial country.

On a more abstract scale, shame is not what it used to be. Witness the fact that the former Presidential consultant Dick Morris, who resigned after allegations that he had patronized a call girl, can follow the nowfamiliar track from disgrace to book contract in a week's

Compared to What?

For all the numbers, most people see a better world or a bleaker one based simply on what they are used to, says Alan Ehrenhalt, the editor of Governing magazine and author of a new book on communities in the 1950's titled "The Lost City."

Mr. Ehrenhalt says the 1950's were viewed as an ideal time because what came before it, the Depression and global war, was so awful.

"People lived better than they ever thought they would," he said. "Now, we don't seem to trust the future to any great extent. There is a profound absence of the sense of the possible."

Even Presidential optimism is not what it used to be. Whereas President Kennedy said, "Man holds in his hands the power to abolish all forms of human poverty," President Clinton seams to have and

Ideas & Trends

Just a Little Inflation, And Everybody's Happy

By LOUIS UCHITELLE

NEW theme is gradually inserting itself into the debate over inflation. The traditional stance—beat down inflation—still draws plenty of applause. But after a long spell of mild inflation, economists, politicians and corporate executives are migrating toward the view that the present inflation rate should be preserved, perhaps nourished.

The hammerlock that the anti-inflation battle has had on economic policy is easing up. There is more talk of economic growth and job security as issues that should be higher on the national agenda than fighting inflation. And there is more talk now, even at a conference last weekend sponsored by the Federal Reserve—the premier inflation fighter—of the damage that could result from pushing the inflation rate to too low a level.

The Threat Is Gone

"What people seem to be recognizing is that we no longer seem to be threatened with accelerating inflation as we were in the 70's and 80's," said Paul M. Romer, an economist at the University of California at Berkeley. "There is still a group arguing for an inflation rate of 2 percent or less, but most economists, without saying so explicitly, now favor an annual inflation rate that ranges between 2 and 4 percent."

Various business organizations, including the Chamber of Commerce and the National Association of Manufacturers, argue increasingly that fighting inflation, when it is already sufficiently mild, is incompatible with their goal of increasing the demand for what corporate America sells. Similarly, the layoffs and wage stagnation that have plagued the nation in recent years are widely viewed by unions and by many workers as a by-product of the Federal Reserve's effort to soften the economy and the graph deep are inflation rate that it already low.

thus push down an inflation rate that is already low.

For the last four years, inflation has risen at an annual rate of 3 percent or less. It is 2.9 percent for the 12-

month period through July, as measured by the Consumer Price Index. That is significantly lower than the rates — generally, 4 percent or more — that prevailed from the late 1960's until the early 1990's.

"Inflation is just not a cutting-edge public issue anymore," said Richard Nelsen, a Columbia University economist, "but there is obviously very widespread concern that incomes are rising very, very slowly."

Whatever the shift in priorities, the Federal Reserve, which has the power to fight inflation by keeping interest rates up, has not eased up on inflation fighting. Alan Greenspan, the Fed chairman, has expressed sympathy in public testimony for the emerging view that times have changed. But the latest published minutes of the Fed's deliberations portray the central bank's policymakers as favoring, as usual, "some additional progress in reducing inflation."

So far, President Clinton and Bob Dole are not mentioning inflation in their election campaigns, preferring instead to stress their formulas for growth and prosperity, as if inflation weren't a factor. Among other reasons, neither party wants to risk arousing the ire of the financial markets, which for years have raised a hue and cry at any attempt to push for more economic growth or for full employment at the risk of raising the inflation rate

That is still a red flag on Wall Street, but it is not quite as high as it was. "This is the first time in years that we have inflation low enough for a long enough period to have a debate over how much growth is possible," said David M. Jones, chief economist at Aubrey G. Lanston, a Wall Street bond house. "We are at a moment when the bond market is allowing this national debate."

The debate is not a new one, of course. For generations, two camps have existed. One is composed mainly of people, usually wealthy people, whose main concern is to preserve the value — the purchasing power — of the wealth they have accumulated. Rising inflation can devalue these savings, which are held mainly in notes and bonds.



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Consumer demand is in demand again. A Fremont, Calif., gas station ran dry during a promotion last April

The other camp includes those who benefit from an economy that thrives at the cost of some inflation. Among them are wage earners counting on raises, retailers and manufacturers counting on a little inflation to help raise prices, homeowners who like to see their property values rise, and people in debt, who find that inflation can make their debts easier to repay.

Same Old Dispute

The struggle between these groups gave rise to the Midwestern populists (pro-inflation) who opposed the Eastern establishment (anti-inflation) in the 19th century, the free silver (pro-inflation) vs. gold standard (anti-inflation) debate, hard money (anti-inflation) vs. easy money (pro-inflation) and, most recently, tight monetary policy (anti-inflation) vs. easy policy. The terms have changed, but for more than a century the issue has been basically the same.

Over the last 18 years, the anti-inflationists have been the big winners, beneficiaries of the nation's reaction to the 12 and 13 percent inflation rates in the late 1970's and early 1980's, which upset everyone. For a while, the winners spoke of driving the inflation rate down to zero, and some in this camp still argue that a zero inflation rate would encourage more savings and

Only now, after four years of persistently mild inflation, has the pro-inflation viewpoint begun to be heard again. Increasingly, its proponents note, for example, that Government statistics probably overstate inflation, so that the already-low rate of 3 percent might really be only 1.5 percent, or even less. Indeed, zero inflation might have already arrived. If so, further efforts to drive down inflation would result in deflation.

Other arguments are also surfacing. Three economists from the Brookings Institution, in a new study that was discussed at the Federal Reserve conference last weekend, argued that the costs of driving the inflation rate down to zero from 3 percent would outweigh any gain. The economy would slow, encouraging layoffs and driving up the unemployment rate by 2 percentage points from its current range of 5 percent to 6 percent.

And so the debate gathers steam. "There is a span of views on inflation," Mr. Romer of Berkeley said, "that until very recently were not very well articulated."

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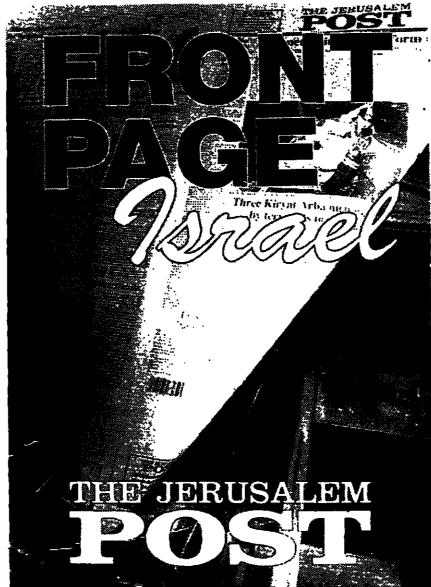
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small to do the Job.

Although the Kurds in northern Iraq bear the most responsibility for the current dustup, the United States is partly responsible as well.

After setting up Operation Provide Comfort to shield the Kurds from Iraqi retribution in 1991. the United States lost control of the operation by allowing Turkey to take the lead in maintaining it. Turkey, which has problems with its own Kurds, played the two Iraqi Kurdish factions off each other and denied them economic assistance when it suited its needs. American protective flights over Iraq were greatly reduced; America's military presence on the ground decreased. Diplomatically, the United States treated the fighting between the two Kurdish factions as relatively minor.

"Washington conducted an absentminded policy," said Morton I. Abramowitz, President of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, who was ambassador to Turkey during the gulf war. "It failed to make dealing with the enormously complex problem of northern Iraq a high enough priority."

So Saddam Hussein wound up intervening in the Kurdish struggle

The U.S. tried to shield the Kurds, but lost control.

and reasserting authority in the area. Mr. Clinton responded with missile attacks on Iraq's air defenses, but just what was accomplished?

Mr. Clinton's aides said the purpose of the raids was to send Mr. Hussein a clear message about his behavior. But the message wasmixed. Granted, the missile attacks reminded Mr. Hussein that he could not do as he pleased, even in his own country. But by attacking sites in the south rather than in the north, where Iraq's tanks were deployed, the United States left the impression that it wants Mr. Hussein to survive — just

hemmed in more than before.

The fact that the north was not attacked also gives the Iraqi Kurdish factions a green light to continue their fighting — promising both Iran and Iraq further temptations to interfere. As ominous, last week's events call into question the whole future of the American-led operation to protect the Kurdish enclave.

Finally, the episode exposes the cracks that have been opening in the international coalition formed against Iraq six years ago. The United States has much less room for maneuver than it did when Kuwait was overrun and Saudi Arabia

Seemed to be the next target.
On the eve of the gulf war in 1981.
Mr. Bush wrote in his diary, "Hope to see the madman is gone." The hope survives, but so does Saddam.

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What's New at G.M.? Automobiles, for a Change

ENERAL MOTORS, once DETROIT one of America's most successful corporations, developed a reputation in the 1980's as a confused car-making bureaucracy that rolled out one look-alike product after another with little fanfare and modest sales success.

Now it is making a big attempt to get back on track. In one of the most ambitious new-car changeovers in a generation, the world's largest auto maker is preparing to introduce 15 all-new models in the next few months, replacing everything from its 14-year-old Buick Century to its Dustbuster-shaped mini-vans. The changes involve 10 assembly plants, 31,000 factory workers and hundreds of suppliers that will produce cars accounting for 40 percent of G.M.

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It is also trying out a marketing program borrowed from Procter & Gamble, whose former chairman, John G. Smale, served a stint as G.M.'s chairman until last year. He decreed that G.M. needed to better distinguish its seven brands, like Cadillac and Saturn, and 82 models of cars and trucks. As a result, G.M. has a platoon of recently hired recruits who know plenty about marketing baby wipes, pencils and Listerine, but are just getting their feet wet at selling Oldsmobiles, Cadillacs and Buicks

At stake is whether G.M. can rebuild its core business of selling cars and vans in the United States. John F. Smith Jr., the affable finance man who was rushed in to rescue the

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In U.S. dollars

that he can successfully design, build labor contract with the United Autoand sell cars and mini-vans to a public that has lost much of its loyalty to G.M.'s brands.

While Mr. Smith and his team of lawyers and financial engineers get high marks for resuscitating G.M.'s balance sheet and turning impressive profits in the company's lending, satellite communications, electronics and other operations outside the car business, he has yet to prove he can remake the company into an auto-making star.

"It's a huge year for us," said G. Richard Wagoner Jr., the president of G.M.'s North American operations. "This year is basically all hands on deck to get the products

With nearly \$170 billion in sales last year, G.M. is bigger than AT&T, I.B.M., Microsoft and Federal Express combined. And with more than 700,000 employees, it has twice the payroll of the United States Postal Service. Turning around such a Goliath is an enormous, complicated task given G.M.'s tendency for manufacturing glitches, ho-hum marketing and spotty quality.

"They will have a very tough time launching all those vehicles," said Alexander Trotman, chairman and chief executive of the Ford Motor Company, which has substantially overhauled its product line. He added, "It took 90 years to get where they are, and I don't think it's a fiveyear change" to turn it around.

G.M.'s task is especially difficult because it will be rolling out its new company four years ago, must prove as it tries to reach a new national models over the next six months just

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mobile Workers union. G.M. has had rough labor relations. A 17-day strike in the spring virtually shut down G.M.'s North American auto production, and another disruption could turn this fall's introductions into a chaotic mess of shortages on dealers' lots and missed opportuni-

G.M.'s vehicle introductions must be successful if the company is to meet Mr. Smith's objective of earning profits equal to an average of 5 percent of sales in good years and bad. Although G.M. earned a staggering \$6.88 billion last year, the most in corporate America, its profit margin worldwide was only 4.1 percent. While Mr. Smith has not announced a profit target for each year, G.M. needs roughly to double its current margins in good years if it has any hope of hitting the 5 per-

cent average. The prospects for G.M.'s shares also hang on the new models. The stock has fallen 3.3 percent over the last year, to \$47.75 on Friday, while the Standard & Poor's 500 has climbed 15 percent.

Meeting the profit targets and bolstering the stock price won't be easy. G.M. has chosen to keep prices low in many segments, preferring to sell practical value instead of pricey sizzle. That leaves cost-cutting and increased efficiency as its chief means of raising profits. It is a delicate balance of manufacturing vehicles for less money while raising quality, and could lead to a showdown with the U.A.W. The union has been resisting every attempt by G.M. to buy less costly parts from nonunion sup-

"We need to be competitive in our plants, and that's the way we're approaching this," Mr. Smith, the chairman, chief executive and president of G.M., said this summer. "We've got to keep enough flexibility that we can go in and fix the weak plants."

Yet G.M. needs concessions from the U.A.W. if it is to remain competitive with domestic and foreign rivals. Ford and Chrysler buy a much larger proportion of their parts from outside suppliers that often are not unionized. The difference in outside purchases has given Ford a cost advantage over G.M. of \$440 a vehicle, and Chrysler a \$600 advantage, according to a study this summer by Harbour & Associates Inc., an automotive production consulting firm.

The new models coming out this piled jointly by The Financial Times Limited, Goldman, Sachs & Co. and Standard & Poor's, in conautumn are off to an uneven start. Automotive reviewers have been impressed with the design of some of the vehicles they have seen so far notably G.M.'s five new 1997 minivans, two of which are for export. "We have some questions about rear-seat comfort, but beyond that they're just superb," said David E. Davis Jr., the editor of Automobile magazine and a driver with 40 years of experience in evaluating new

> The 1997 Pontiac Grand Prix, a sporty midsize sedan that turns heads in parking lots and is the first of the 15 models to go on sale, looks to be a hit. Starting at \$18,579, the car, with its swooping lines and "wide track" stance, is getting a warm reception. Bob Carpenter, the general sales manager at a Pontiac dealership in Dallas, said he had been selling them as fast as they rolled off the trucks.

The problem is that they are not arriving faster. Whereas Ford cranked up its new full-sized pickup truck in six weeks, G.M. is taking six months to bring Grand Prix production to full speed at its Fairfax assembly plant in Kansas City, Kan. "We're not going to be able to get enough," Mr. Carpenter said.

G.M. officials say they made a deliberate decision to assemble the new vehicles slowly at first. The hope is to maintain quality levels and break G.M.'s almost Soviet-style emphasis on production quotas, a holdover from the 80's that fostered a move-the-metal culture that paid too little attention to quality, particularly for new models.

'We are going to be methodical and very attentive to every detail," said Harry J. Pearce, the company's vice chairman. "It would be very inappropriate to base an assessment

The complexity of some of the new-model introductions is partly responsible for the slowness. Most

on one arbitrary variable, time."

many models in one factory, particularly one that has just been modernized. But G.M. plans to build all five new mini-vans in a rebuilt factory in Doraville, Ga., that used to make midsized Oldsmobile sedans.

When Donald E. Hackworth, a G.M. group vice president, rattles off the planned output at Doraville, he sounds like someone describing an entire car line instead of the output of a single factory. "We build lefthand drive and right-hand drive, long wheelbase and short wheelbase, and four different engine families. including diesel, both manual and automatic," he said.

auto makers try to avoid putting

If G.M. someday succeeds in producing all of these mini-vans quickly and with high quality, it will reap large savings from the economies of scale. But for now, the mini-vans are inching along the assembly line at the rate of one every 12 minutes, so as to familiarize workers with the many different procedures needed to build such a variety of vehicles. The plan, Mr. Hackworth said, is to reach 60 mini-vans an hour this winter.

But the Doraville plant also has some labor tension. The U.A.W. is quietly fuming that G.M. has hired outside companies to manufacture the seats, install engine brackets and apply a protective coating for the shipment of export models, a union official said. Negotiations on these issues will proceed after a national labor contract is concluded, but the workers there have already voted overwhelmingly to go on strike if talks cannot settle the disputes.

The gentle pace of production, combined with the prospect of labor troubles, has troubled financial experts like Scott Merlis, an auto analyst in Westport, Conn., who have begun to reduce slightly their estimates of the company's third- and fourth-quarter earnings. Every month of low production means another month without a full return on the billions of dollars that G.M. has invested in developing the new models. And every month that passes before the new models are widely available leaves an opening for Japanese auto makers to hurry their own vehicles into production.

Indeed, John A. Casesa, an auto analyst at Schroder Wertheim & Company, worries about Japanese auto makers reaching the market first in large quantities with cars like the 1997 Toyota Camry, an acclaimed new version of the midsize sedan that goes on sale tomorrow. The Camry has been significantly redesigned to compete at low prices with some G.M. models.

lyst at Furman Selz, a New York investment and brokerage firm, is particularly critical of the slow Grand Prix introduction. "It's crazy - it makes absolutely no economic sense," she said. "I don't know how they can ever make money on the program - dealers want it now."

She pointed out that auto makers can charge the most money for a car in the first year of production, when customer interest is highest. "Sporty cars are cars of passion," she said. "There's an element of 'Gosh, it's new! I've got to have it now.' "

Mr. Hackworth, who oversees the G.M. group responsible for minivans and midsize and luxury cars, defended the Grand Prix introduction by pointing out that the company had continued to keep cars flowing to dealers by building some 1996 Grand Prix models in the summer even as production of '97 models

Mr. Wagoner said all of G.M.'s new models would help the company's profits more than the models replace. He contended that G.M. could start making new models quickly, as it did with the redesigned but not entirely new Saturn coupe this summer. But the company has given itself a far more ambitious test with the production of so many all-new models in Doraville and else-

"At Saturn, we're basically just changing the product, not changing the plant location," he said.

Yet G.M. is highly sensitive about the arrival of the Grand Prix and other new models. It has stopped releasing weekly production information on new models, breaking an auto industry tradition and making it harder for parts suppliers to foreAT A GLANCE General Motors



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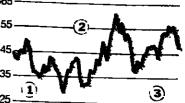
THINGS TO WATCH

 The company's labor contracts with its main unions in the United States and Canada expire at midnight next Saturday. Union workers could stage a highly disruptive strike later this fail.

● G.M. plans to come out with 15 new models by spring. The monthly sales figures should provide a signal of whether buyers like them.

 If G.M. can conclude new labor contracts without costly strikes, the company may raise its dividend.

STOCK PRICE



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Some analysts are more forgiving than Ms. Keller of G.M.'s deliberate pace in building new models. This year's factory changeovers, they point out, are going faster so far than the glacial, problem-ridden start of production two years ago of the Chevrolet Cavalier and Lumina.

"There's no question that General Motors can do better," said Ronald A. Glantz, an analyst at Dean Witter Reynolds. "There's no question that this year is also an order of magnitude better than the launches of the last two or three years, and you have to walk before you can run."

G.M. plans to build up largeenough stocks of new models to introduce them at a rate of roughly two a month over the next half-year. When it does begin promoting them, it will rely on a new team of marketers, many from outside the auto industry. Their job is the bring new a clarity to the public's impressions of brands like Buick, Oldsmobile and Chevrolet that have been muddled. over the last two decades by toosimilar cars and advertising.

The first G.M. division to emphasize brand management was Pontiac. The division's executives were among the earliest to spot where the power lies on G.M.'s board, modeling their efforts more than four years ago on Procter & Gamble's brandmanagement approach. Through new designs and relent-

less repetition in advertisements. Pontiac has tried to convince the public once again that it is synonymous with excitement. The goal is to produce such loyalty to Pontiac that buyers are willing to pay extra for its cars, said Bill Heugh, brand manager for the Pontiac Grand Prix.

'One way you can measure brand equity is to answer the question: Does the market let you charge a premium for your product, or does it force you to discount it with constant rebates and other incentives?" Mr. Heugh said when the Grand Prix was introduced earlier this summer.

Because many G.M. executives lack experience with strong brands, the previously tradition-bound G.M. has made some surprising moves to bring in expertise. Just a few months ago, Robert P. Baird was in charge of selling Baby Fresh baby wipes at Scott Paper. Now he is the brand manager in charge of persuading as many customers as possible to plant themselves in the seats of the latest Cadillac Sevilles and Eldorados.

Cadillac buyers and babies have something in common, Mr. Baird said in a recent speech in Chantilly, Va. "I've found out that whether it's baby wipes or luxury cars, there's one thing that's universal - if given a choice, everyone would rather have heated seats," he said.

The new brand managers face G.M. bureaucrats and car dealers who refuse to allow the death of any of the company's seven car and truck lines. The result is that the brand managers must persuade the public this autumn that there is a difference not only between a Chevrolet mini-van and a Ford mini-van, but also among a Chevy, a Pontiac and an Oldsmobile.

G.M. executives say that cars that look alike when lined up will seem quite different when advertised with separate slogans and displayed in separate showrooms. Four of G.M.'s new midsize sedans looked fairly similar when displayed together in January at the Detroit auto show. But Vincent Barabba, G.M.'s head of market research, said they would look different in showrooms.

"You can create a lot of difference in how a customer feels about a vehicle from how you position them," he said.

Some experts are more skeptical, saying that while G.M. may have strengthened its brand images, its 82 models are still too many and the company will inevitably end up dissipating its advertising budget trying to promote them all. Ms. Keller at Furman Selz was particularly critical of the four midsize sedans - the Buick Century, Chevrolet Malibu, Oldsmobile Cutlass and Pontiac Grand Prix - that will soon compete in a market segment that is shrinking steadily as more and more Americans buy Jeeps and other sport utility vehicles. G.M. will introduce two other midsize sedans next year, the Buick Regal and Oldsmobile Intrigue.

"They may be different from one another, there just may not be any market for them, or certainly not as big a market as was hoped for," Ms. Keller said.

Even if G.M. has found a winning strategy for designing, building and marketing cars, it faces rocky labor relations. G.M. has had eight local strikes in the last three years, including the 17-day walkout in March at two brake factories in Dayton, Ohio, that crippled assembly plants across North America. Ford has not had a local strike in a decade and is counting on that record to quickly bring out the Expedition, a large sport utility vehicle that will compete in a segment G.M. has had to itself with the Tahoe, Yukon and

"One of the secrets of our profit success this year is how quickly we can get the Expedition launched." John M. Devine, Ford's chief financial officer, said at the company's annual meeting last spring in Kansas City, Mo. "You have to have a good relationship with the U.A.W."

All of this adds up to a difficult but surmountable challenge, G.M. officials contend. "In an organization as large and as complex as G.M., it's naïve to think you can make changes" quickly, Mr. Pearce said. 'We're making what I would call consistent, steady progress."

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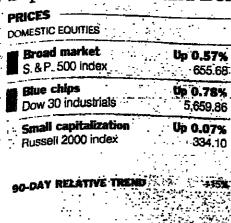
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Source. Bloomberg Financial Markets; exchange rates as of Friday's New York close.

Sept. 2-9: Stocks and Bonds Rally on Relief That Jobs Report May Not Force a Big Rate Hike

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Muskrat Love, Meet Beaver Arithmetic

To the Editor:

They count beavers in rural New York State, don't they (news article, Sept. 3)? Well, not exactly. The state leaves room for error by making aerial counts of beaver lodges and multiplying this number by an estimate of how many beavers each lodge ought to contain.

"The Squeeze on Medical Costs"

(editorial, Sept. 4) perpetuates wish-

ful thinking about the effect of cost

containment — that "cuts in pay-

ments to doctors" translate into a

reduction of "needless tests, opera-

the Rand Health Insurance Experi-

ment, which examined the effect of

putting people into managed care,

demonstrates that it just isn't so.

Health services research, including

tions and other procedures."

Most beaver lodges are unoccupied. The breeding pairs that I have been studying for 13 years in Harriman State Park are rarely satisfied with one lodge. My Lily Pond colony actually one beaver - has built or repaired four lodges this year. Aerial census takers might assume that 28 animals have been at work here.

In fact, the highest number of beavers to winter on Lily Pond was eight in 1986. Since then, this colony and all the others that I have kept close tabs on have produced few or no kits. This trend will not be reversed for a while, for what kits have come along won't reproduce until age 3, and a breeding pair produces but a single, small litter annually. And the life span of a wild beaver is short. Few make it to age 12.

All this suggests that unmanaged beaver populations may regulate their numbers cyclically in response to natural factors. By contrast, beavers that are heavily trapped and

numbers of uninsured tolerated by a medical marketplace that will reward any managed care company able to select the healthiest subscribers. We owe it to ourselves to prove

Yes, Cut Medical Costs, but First Do No Harm

strategy reduces needed and needless care equally. Worse, those who are poor or less educated are more likely to fail to receive care under

most cost-containment strategies. Access to needed care is also decreasing because of the growing

Nearly every cost-containment that cost containment will "first do no harm" to the most vulnerable among us. ERIC SCHNEIDER, M.D. Washington, Sept. 5, 1996

The writer is an assistant professor at the Institute for Health Care Research and Policy at Georgetown U.

To the Editor:

You inadvertently make the case for Medical Savings Accounts when you say cosmetic surgical costs are nothing to fret about "as long as the patients are buying them out of their own pockets, rather than pushing the costs onto insurers" (editorial, Sept. 4). It is a small step to where patients pay all of their smaller bills through Medical Savings Accounts, which can be partly financed by employers. This promotes thrift in spending (not seen when the third party pays) and keeps the insurer out of the ROBERT L. SOLEY, M.D.

President, Westchester **County Medical Society** White Plains, Sept. 4, 1996

To the Editor:

You state (editorial, Sept. 4) that "medical schools will soon be devoting a majority of their slots to training general practitioners, rather than surgeons and other specialists." In fact, medical schools do not train general practitioners or surgeons; this happens after medical school.

While medical schools are changing their curriculums to put more emphasis on primary care, it is ultimately the Government that controls financing for the training of doctors after medical school. The rush to primary care may leave us with a population unable to get access to specialized care when need-MARC R. SALZBERG, M.D.

Springfield, Mass., Sept. 4, 1996 The writer is chairman of emergency medicine at Tufts University School of Medicine.

Chinese Can Say No

New Environmental Threats

The 104th Congress has only a month to go before its members scatter for the fall re-election campaign. The post-Labor-Day period in the second year of a Congressional session is usually a dangerous time. Members eager to build a last-minute record tend to ignore the niceties of committee hearings and measured debate. The nation's environment will be particularly at risk in this fevered atmosphere.

The radical Republicans elected in 1994 were largely unsuccessful in their efforts to destroy the statutory framework protecting the country's natural resources, thanks to a counterattack by mainstream Republicans and to President Clinton's discovery that the environment could be a winning issue. But Congress still has before it a score of proposals that threaten national forests, rangelands and other public spaces.

Most of these bills are too controversial to survive as freestanding measures. Yet there are various legislative "trains" to which they could be attached like so many freight cars. The Omnibus Parks Bill, for example, was originally an unobjectionable measure aimed at protecting the historic Presidio military base in San Francisco. That measure is now in a House-Senate conference, where members are busily loading it up with destructive

To take one small but nasty example, the Florida delegation is trying to attach a bill that would open up biologically valuable barrier islands and beaches to commercial development by removing them from Federal protection. The amount of land involved is small but the precedent would be terrible. Another bill would transfer a Federal wildlife refuge in Oklahoma to state authorities, who are eager to open it for recreational use. If passed, the bill could encourage further efforts to dismantle the refuge system.

Three broader measures are especially dangerous and should be stopped, regardless of how they are packaged.

Grazing "Reform." In 1994 Interior Secretary

When the Palestinians began limited self-rule

two years ago, Yasir Arafat took on a job that might

tax even an experienced national leader. His Pales-

tinian Authority must provide services to an al-

ready impoverished region whose hardships are

intensified by Israel's closing of Palestinian territo-

ries after terrorist bombings in Jerusalem and Tel

Aviv. He has been rightly pressed by Israel and

the United states to combat Palestinian terrorist

ians and negotiate with the Israelis, he has abused

the rights of his own people. He is now the architect

of repressive policies and conduct that may do

lasting harm to his Authority and to the peace

effort. Palestinians hoped that after 30 years of a

harsh Israeli occupation, self-rule would bring basic

months without charges. In two years, seven people

have died in detention. Police routinely use torture

during interrogations. Books critical of Mr. Arafat

have been banned, and critical journalists censored,

trials of defendants who are assigned lawyers and

told of the charges only when the trials begin. The

trials frequently last just a few minutes. Mr. Arafat

has ignored challenges from the freely elected

Palestinian Legislative Council to improve his

American and Israeli pressure to fight terrorism.

The pressure is warranted, but should not be read

The Authority defends the abuses by citing

The financially strapped government of New

York City doles out hundreds of millions of dollars

each year in tax breaks and loans to encourage

businesses to remain or expand within the city. In

pursuit of that goal, the city sometimes gets into

self-defeating bidding wars with Connecticut and

New Jersey just to keep businesses from moving a

few miles away. There are few overall benefits to

that kind of competition. But now the State Legisla-

ture has passed a bill guaranteed to make the

situation worse by giving the five boroughs new

resources to engage in bidding wars of their own.

Gov. George Pataki should recognize that the city's

authority called the Industrial Development Agen-

cy, which floats bonds and grants tax breaks for

projects that promote the growth of jobs. Often the

agency becomes simply a borrowing vehicle for

private businesses, which benefit from the bonds'

tax-exempt status. Under the bill, pushed by Bronx

The focus of the bill is an independent city

broad interest lies in a veto of the bill.

The Wrong Way to Lure Business

State Security Courts hold secret, midnight

Hundreds of prisoners have been jailed for

freedoms. Mr. Arafat has disappointed them.

But as Mr. Arafat tries to govern the Palestin-

organizations.

beaten and imprisoned.

record on human rights.

Mr. Arafat's Repressive Rule

lions of acres of public land. These regulations also provided for broader public participation in rangeland management. A bill sponsored by Senator Pete Domenici, undoing these regulations, has already passed the Senate. A version of the Domenici bill is now before the House.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich, eager for an environmental victory, says the House version provides for more public participation. True, but on balance it would give grazing preference over all other uses, including conservation and fishing. Mr. Gingrich's real motive here is to give his Western colleagues something they can take back to the

The Tongass National Forest. The Alaska Congressional delegation never sleeps. Temporarily thwarted in their efforts to open up the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil drilling, Senator Frank Murkowski and Representative Don Young have introduced bills that would extend for 15 years the Ketchikan Pulp Company's exclusive right to clear-cut Alaska's Tongass National Forest. These bills, which may be slipped into the Omnibus Parks Act, have environmentalists in a fury, and for good reason. Taxpayer subsidies help underwrite the logging. The company has a poor environmental track record. The 160,000 new acres of clear-cuts authorized by the bill would threaten several species of commercially important salmon.

The "Forest Health" Initiative. Mr. Clinton has conceded that one of his biggest mistakes was to sign a budget rescission bill last year that contained a rider mandating a rapid increase in the "salvage" logging of dead and diseased trees. The rider overrode all environmental laws and was so loosely worded that timber companies have clear-cut huge stands of perfectly healthy trees. Senator Larry Craig, Republican of Idaho, has offered legislation that, with some modifications, would indefinitely extend the salvage rider, which is to expire at the end of the year. It is ready for floor action.

Among modern Congresses, the 104th has already earned a reputation as uniquely hostile to the Bruce Babbitt announced new regulations to protect environment. It has not succeeded in causing the grasslands and streams from overgrazing on mil-damage it wanted to. But it is still trying.

as a license to violate civil liberties and the rule of

law. Unhappily, American officials have often failed

to make that clear. Vice President Gore and others

pected Hamas members after the suicide bombings

in Israel in February and March. Moving against

terrorism was necessary to stop the bombings and

save the peace, but Washington should have tem-

pered its praise with criticism of indiscriminate

arrests. Many Palestinians were picked up simply

because they opposed the peace agreements or once

ism an excuse to suppress dissent. Eight hundred of

those arrested after the bombings are still in jail,

uncharged and unable to see lawyers. If there is

evidence implicating them in acts of terror, they

should be charged. If not, they should be released. It

is also hard to see how civilians are protected by the

Palestinian police force's use of torture or by the

arrest and intimidation of many of Mr. Arafat's

ians are staging general strikes and protests

against Mr. Arafat. His repression fuels extremism

and, in the process, puts the peace process at risk.

American officials have been reluctant to criticize

Mr. Arafat, except in a few particularly outrageous

cases, for fear of fueling opposition to the peace

process. But silence is even more harmful. Mr.

Arafat should recognize the destructiveness of

his policies and set the Palestinian Authority on a

because the Bronx is constantly slighted on econom-

ic development projects, having received 2.5 per-

cent of the Industrial Development Agency funds

spent from 1987 to 1995. But it is irresponsible to

As they used to do against the Israelis, Palestin-

Mr. Arafat has made the fight against terror-

Palestinian police rounded up about 1,000 sus-

have praised the State Security Courts.

indicated support for Hamas.

Caldrons Like the Kurds' Require High Priority

To the Editor:

As Kenneth R. Timmerman suggests (Op-Ed, Sept. 4), the State Department risks a growing number of foreign policy failures by ignoring ethnic groups, like the Kurds, who have no political state. What happens among Kurds and their neighbors directly affects relationships among Syria, Turkey, Iraq, Iran and Azerbailan. The behavior of these states affects the balance of power in the Mid-

dle East and beyond. The carnage in Bosnia escalated because of the United States failure to recognize the significance of nations insidé Yugoslavia. United States milltarv personnel are now in Bos cause of the early failures under be. President Bush's State Department.

ative diplomacy did the war caused by big-power failures come to an end. The State Department failed to

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steady losses with high birth rates.

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don't give a boost to reproductive

vigor. Your article mentions tubes

and grates that permit water to flow

through beaver dams, and then dis-

misses these with a trapper's denial.

of a problem exists until realistic

counts are made.

Of course, we can't know how much

Wolf Lake, N.Y., Sept. 5, 1996

HOPE RYDEN

There are effective ways to control

respond to Russia's requests for help in dealing with problems in Chechnya in 1991 and 1992 and the result is a confrontation that has killed tens of thousands.

Many of the wars and military confrontations going on in the world could be minimized or prevented if the United States gave a high priority to dealing with situations like these and if it provided diplomatic personnel the training they require to deal with the world as it is rather than as senior officials at the RUDOLPH C. RYSER

Guerneville, Calif., Sept. 5, 1996 Only when one senior State Depart- The writer is chairman of the Center ment official showed a flare for cre- for World Indigenous Studies.

He laid out proposed taxes on in-

ternational financial transactions,

global currency transactions, fossil

fuel use and international air travel

and travel documents, and declared:

"It will be the role of the Secretary

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That does not sound like your Sept. 1

mention of "suggestions made by an

independent outsider." U.N. taxes re-

main part of Mr. Boutros-Ghali's

Despite coverage in other newspa-

pers of Senator Helms's proposals

for United Nations reform, the only

mention of his essay to appear in The

No coverage whatsoever of the

MARC A THIESSEN

Washington, Sept. 5, 1996

Senator's proposals to reform peace-

keeping, streamline the bureaucracy

and overhaul the budgeting pro-

The writer is press spokesman, Sen-

ate Foreign Relations Committee.

ition in the 21st century.

Times was this swipe.

And Keep Ties to West

To the Editor:

After reading your Sept. 4 Beijing Journal, several American colleagues and friends asked: "Why have the pro-democracy students of 1989 turned to radical anti-American nationalism?" To many Chinese, the reason is simple.

For the last century and a half, the most fundamental driving force behind all Chinese political events has been the yearning to make China strong "gain, to rid it of the humiliation of foreign intervention, occupation and partition.

Nevertheless, the representativeness of the book "The China That Can Say No" should not be exaggerated. My observation during travel in China last month is that although many people share the disillusion toward the West described in the book, they have more important things to occupy their minds than to

ioin the chorus. "Getting rich" is on everybody's mind, and most are not convinced yet that an anti-United States posture is the way to solve China's problems. A friend on the Beijing University faculty who returned from the United States with a Ph.D. in 1992 noted his disappointment in the book. His comment may be more representative of the Chinese, with their long memory

and sense of history: "The differences between China and the United States, and the reasons for the two countries to maintain a good and strong relationship with each other in spite of those differences, are both much deeper than what the authors of this book try to demonstrate."

Teen-Agers at the Mall

I am incensed by the Mall of Ameri-

ca's policy of restricting customers to

those 16 or older on Friday and Satur-

day nights (front page, Sept. 4). As a

20-year-old college student, I am sen-

sitive to age discrimination. The poli-

cy is another example of the civil

liberties of minors being disregarded.

volved, too. Have the mall's operators

considered where these teen-agers

will go and what they will do if not at

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and bad, congregating together. In-

stead of pushing them out, why not

take advantage of that and create

something positive like a community

Providence, R.I., Sept. 4, 1996

The mail has an unusual opportu-

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There is a broader social issue in-

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To the Editor:

NING LUO New York, Sept. 5, 1996

U.N. Leader Proposed Establishing an Army

A Sept. 1 news article challenges Senator Jesse Helms's essay in Foreign Affairs magazine, saying that he is incorrect in stating that United Nations Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali has "pressed for the establishment of a standing U.N. army and the power to collect direct U.N. taxes."

You write that the Secretary General "has never called for a standing army, and has mentioned taxes . . . as suggestions by independent outsid-

ers." You are incorrect. The Secretary General did propose just such a force in 1992, recommending to the Security Council that

countries make available up to 1,000 troops each on 24 hours' notice. Even your own June 20, 1992, news article on this proposal acknowledged that the Secretary General

had proposed "giving the Security Council what amounts to a standing army." Those are your words, not Senator Helms's. In addition, Mr. Boutros-Ghali ad-

vocated U.N. taxes in a speech at Oxford University this year.

To the Editor:

German Unity Day To the Editor:

Norbert Bräu (letter, Sept. 5) is wrong for second-guessing Chancellor Helmut Kohl's choice of Oct. 3 instead of Nov. 9 to celebrate German unification.

No doubt Mr. Kohl realized that Nov. 9 is the anniversary of Kristallnacht, as Mr. Bräu notes, but also of Hitler's 1923 Munich beer hall putsch. The Nazis celebrated this date with a vengeance, including rallies enflamed by Hitler's speeches. Kristallnacht happened on Nov. 9 not only by coincidence but also because the Nazi cohort of drunken goons had gathered across the Reich to commemorate the failed 1923 assault on German democracy.

Far from a date to celebrate, Nov. should be a day for Germans to reflect on Nazi crimes and the fragile character of democratic institu-JEROME M. GARCHICK San Francisco, Sept. 5, 1996

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Psst! Got the Time?

agenda.

Thomas L. Friedman is surprised to find clocks in Teheran set eight and a half hours ahead of New York's (column, Sept. 6). Much closer to home, Newfoundland has its own time zone, which is an bour and a half ahead of Eastern time. Other variations of the half-hour increment exist around the world. India, Suriname. Afghanistan and parts of Australia are other places where clocks at first glance appear to be 30 minutes off. Then there's Nepal: The difference between Greenwich mean time and Katmandu time is 5 hours and 45 JAMES B. ARMSTRONG New York, Sept. 6, 1996

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To the Editor:

Life in the south of France is so civilized that I'm mystified that Peter Mayle (Op-Ed, Aug. 30) is pleased to have exchanged it for Long Island's South Fork My wife and I spend spring and fall in Provence. We drive into St. Tropez to shop and visit its beaches with no problems. The traffic from New York City to the Hamptons, on the other hand, is a nightmare.

I shouldn't be surprised, though Having read three chapters of "Toujours Provence," I became aware that Mr. Mayle's insight into life there bore little relationship to the facts. MICHAEL MAXTONE-GRAHAM

New York, Aug. 31, 1996

F-150

Borough President Fernando Ferrer, a likely opponent of Mayor Rudolph Giuliani in the next election, borough presidents would get a quarter of the \$122 million annual allotment of agency funds to launch Lilla-conformed development projects, as well businesses to New York. It makes no sense to let the Ingletication was and Staten

new course.

grant boroughs the power to award tax breaks that will only worsen the city's huge budget deficits. If the Bronx or any other borough feels it is not getting its fair share of money, there are better remedies than balkanizing the funding and taxing powers of city government. Mr. Giuliani should, for example, offer to review the city's strategy to make sure no borough is being shortchanged. The city's economic development strategy has to be unified and coordinated in order to work. Mr. Pataki is said to be sympathetic to the

Bronx's concerns. Supporters also note that the bill has a safeguard - the mayor may veto any project put forward by a borough president. But at a time when the feasibility of each development project needs to be examined ruthlessly, the bill will inevitably lead to competition among boroughs over which can offer the most generous inducements to businesses. It's bad enough that City Hall feels it has to fight Stamford or Jersey City over luring

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Waiting for Ayatollah Gorbachev

TEHERAN, Iran What produces a Mikhail Gorbachev? That is the question.

You see, if change is to come to Iran, it is not going to come by the Shah's son riding back on a white horse to oust Iran's Islamic leadership. And it isn't going to come by way of the ragtag Iranian opposition based in Iraq regaining power in Teheran. No, if Iran is to become the more pragmatic, fully law-abiding member of the world community that the West seeks, it will only be because an Iranian Gorbachev emerges from the Muslim leadership that now thoroughly dominates this nation and is able to forge a more moderate, but still Islamic, course from within

Mikhail Gorbachev was produced by a combination of economic and social pressures that came together in the Soviet Union in the mid-1980's. Have U.S. economic sanctions on Iran shown any sign of producing a Gorbachev-like figure within Teheran's Islamic leadership? The consensus answer here is: "No - not yet."

Why? For one thing, Iran's merchants, through ingenuity and corruption, have found enough alternative markets and ways around the U.S. sanctions to stay in business. I just spent a morning walking through Teheran's sprawling bazaar, which was packed with shoppers. I asked one merchant after another how U.S. sanctions affected them. The vast majority didn't know there were U.S. sanctions on Iran

Others said they were adapting the wedding-dress maker was getting material from Japan, the rug dealer was selling to Germany, the jeans maker was getting fabric through Turkey. The export-importer said credit was very tight, but there was nothing he couldn't buy from America through Dubai or European intermediaries. But gold dealers said business was slow because Iran's 50 percent inflation had eaten away incomes, so many newlyweds couldn't afford gold. Iran's economy grew at 1.5 percent last year. Not great, but not a disaster. "U.S. sanctions have had little effect, because the only countries supporting them are America and Israel," said A. N. S. Khamooshi, head of Iran's

What will bring change to Iran?

Chamber of Commerce.

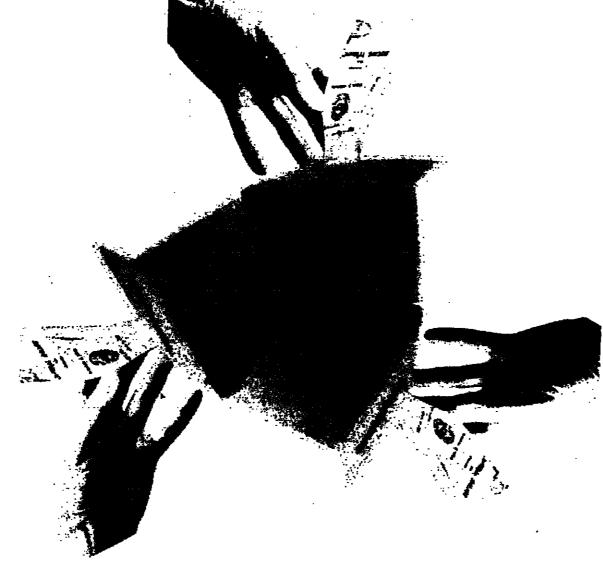
But the more important reason Iran's economic crunch hasn't become critical is O-I-L. Iran's Islamic Government still earns 80 percent of its foreign exchange from oil exports, which also account for almost 70 percent of Government revenues. Because Iran has no problem selling its 2.5 million barrels a day, the regime has a steady income, without having to radically restructure the economy and open up to the world the way the Soviet Union had to.

Sure, the camp of technocrat-pragmatists allied to President Hashemi Rafsanjani argue that Iran cannot live off its oil industry forever, especially since it now needs a huge amount of reinvestment to sustain its oil wells. . . But this group is opposed by a stilldominant majority, led by the nation's Spiritual Guide, Ali Khamenei, who argue that the Islamic Republic is of the economy is not the only priority, because with it comes a corrupting materialism, from the Disney Channel to McDonald's. Indeed, there is still a strong anti-growth movement among the mullahs. During recent parliamen-- tary elections someone scrawled graffiti at a building site in plush north

Teheran: "Enough Prosperity."
Still, with a soaring population of 65 million people, half of whom are un-der the age of 17, fran will eventually have to overhaul its state-dominated economy, if it is to provide enough new jobs to absorb all its young people. That's when things will get interesting. Because to export oil requires no social change. To export computer chips or auto parts that are globally competitive requires a real restrucruring of the Iranian economy, major oreign investment, an unleashing of he private sector and a real integra-ion with the world.

So when will that crunch come? when Iran's steadily rising people ion runs into Iran's gradually declining oil revenues. That won't be perivear, but it's coming. Only then will ran have to face the reality that it an't export revolution and auto parts
the same time, because exporting evolution leads to isolation from the yorld and exporting auto parts do orld and exporting auto parts de nands the world. Only then will condions be right for an Ayatollah Gorba hev to emerge — a cleric who will try.) moderate Iran's Islamic system in

rder to preserve it. And until then? An Iranian woman know put it best: "Iran will never be happy place as long as we have oil e could be Japan if we didn't have



Decision Time in Bosnia

By Misha Glenny

BRIGHTON, England he king has deployed all his horses and all his men throughout Bosnia and Herzegovina. The 55,000strong, NATO-led military force will be joined this week by 1,200 election supervisors and 850 observers for the national election on Saturday. There are already countless nongovernmental organizations and freelance do-gooders also bracing themselves for the latest stage in the byzantine task of putting Humpty-Dumpty together again. If successful, the countrywide

elections should form what Richard C. Holbrooke, the architectantathe Dayton agreement, has called the 'connective tissue" that will cite again bind Bosnia together. Mr. Holbrooke is not the only one

to have expressed high hopes for these elections. All the major European and American diplomats and politicians involved have insisted that despite criticism of the electoral process, the main vote must go ahead.

That criticism has been vigorous. Editorial writers have joined forces with such influential commentators as the financier and philanthropist George Soros and former Prime Minister Haris Silajdzic of Bosnia. All say roughly the same thing: that holding the elections will guarantee that Humpty remains dismembered and that the results of ethnic cleansing will be sanctioned by what is a bogus democratic gesture.

So who is right? The answer is neither or, if you prefer it, both. Provided they do not collapse in

After the vote, how long should allied troops stay?

administrative chaos, the elections will have some positive impact. They will confer a degree of democratic legitimacy on representatives of all communities. At present, after four and a half years of bloody war, no Bosnian politicians can claim to enjoy a popular mandate. In addition, the elections will lead to the establishment of joint institutions in which all three communities are committed to participate. This is the good

The bad side is that the minimum conditions as set down by the Dayton agreement for the holding of free elections do not yet exist. The absence of freedom of movement both between and inside the two entities in Bosnia will discourage people from voting in places whence they were forcibly expelled. Not even the most passionate advocates of the elections consider them "free and fair." Or if they say they do, they are either lying or politically illiterate.

But in reality, the election is neither good nor bad but a large red berring, trussed up at considerable expense to look like the choicest Scot-

fish smoked salmon. As the thousands of electoral observers and journalists are descending on Bosnia and Herzegovina in droves, they are in danger of overlooking the most significant political went since the disintegration of Yugoslavia turned violent in June 1991.

Misha Glenny, author of "The Fall of Yagoslavia," is writing a history of Balkan nationalism.

This took place on Aug. 23, when Croatia and the rump Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) signed an agreement recognizing each other and establishing full diplomatic relations. This document lays to rest the central dispute that originally provoked violence in the former Yugoslavia. The wars in both Croatia and Bosnia were attempts by the Serbs and Croats to establish their new nation-states by force. The Bosnian Muslims were, to their great misfortune, squeezed in between the two dominant nations and, additionally, ill-served by their leaders.

The Aug. 23 treaty means that Croatia and Serbia are no longer locked in a territorial dispute. Moreover, in the Dayton agreement, the international community granted them a controlling interest over large areas of Bosina and Herzegovi-fill Seen from this angle, Humpty's prospects for reconstruction are bleak. This has but one great advantage: The big war in Bosnia is over se neither the Serbs nor the Croats want it, and because the Bosnian Muslims cannot wage war to regain territory in the light of that Serbo-Croat consensus.

This does not necessarily mean that we have witnessed the last of armed conflict in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The map drawn up at Dayton, which split the country into two entities, includes several boundaries that remain hotly contentious and that could easily turn nasty. If they did, they would provoke vicious minor wars aimed at ironing out creases in the Dayton map and pressing the seams of territorial partition.

The alternative is to promote a process that is generally anathema to Western politicians — a gradual stabilization of the country that would encourage first commercial cooperation between the communities and then economic integration. This is a decidedly unglamorous solution for a problem that has generated such passion as has Bosnia Worse still, it requires a long-term military commitment from NATO.

This is not a Cyprus solution, as some critics would say. The topography of Bosnia insures that the three communities are much more dependent on one another's good will if they are to survive economically than are the Greeks and Turks of Cyprus.

Carl Bildt, the official responsible for carrying out the Dayton accord on the ground, told me in an interview last week that in order for integration to stand a chance, the West would need a force, with American ground troops, "at least until Sep-tember 1998," which is when Bosnia's second postwar elections are due. The military presence would, of course, be much reduced from the 55,000 currently engaged in Bosnia, but it would be a serious commitment nonetheless. This assessment is substantially greater than anything President Clinton has been prepared to consider until now.

at that is the choice facing the Western world. If a complete pullout takes place within, say, a year, then the fate of Bosnia will be partition. The Bosnian Muslims will be in the weakest position, probably as an economic vassal of Croatia. Or the West can stay longer, diverting more financial and military resources to the region, offering a chance for some degree of integration. This is never likely to be complete, as the miluence of both Serbia and Croatia will inevitably go beyond that normally associated with neighboring states.

But with support, Bosnia may develop a minimum number of institutions required to act as a coherent, internationally recognized state, enabling it to confront the more substantial question of reconciliation, which holds the final key to the country's long-term future.

If President Clinton and his European allies are committed to Bosnia, they are in for the long haul. Only then would the Bosnian vote make any sense at all. If, on the other hand, the West wants to pack its bags as soon as looks decent after the American Presidential elections in November, then the Bosnian election will be denounced by history as the most cynical manipulation of the democratic process by democratic countries. The tens of thousands of soldiers, civil servants and journalists, not to mention the billions in taxpayers' money, would be pawns in a chess game far more absurd than anything Lewis Carroll could ever have devised.

The headlines keep coming: "Adviser Had Secret Deal for Book" — The New York Times. "The Other Other Woman; Secret Love Child" --

from the polls."

Chardonnay.

The New York Post. "Dick Morris May Testify on FBI Files" — The Washington Post. Dick Morris has become to Bill Clinton what the picture of Dorian Gray was to Dorian Gray. All the

One August night, I was having cocktails with a couple of Times re-

porters at the Jefferson Hotel. We

were sulking about the tedium of the

campaign. Little did we know, the

biggest political story of the summer

was unfolding right above our buttery

There, in the seraglio marked 205,

was an imbroglio. Dick Morris was

pouring cognac for his mistresses and

murmuring sweet nothings like, "Let

me tell you about the Government

shutdown," "I got my head torn off by Hillary when I tried to soften her

image," and "Only you could keep me

transgressions we thought we would see in one, we see in the other. By getting extravagantly rewarded for stripping authenticity from public

life, and proving you can get further fixing an image than fixing on a principle, Dick Morris showed there is no floor to our shamelessness.

As one friend of mine put it: "You're driving home late at night after a few pops and you run over a nun. Whoopsie daisy, no problemo."

Doing something heinous used to get you into trouble. Now it gets you into a higher tax bracket. We're playing by Morris rules now. There is no honor, no reticence, no loyalty.

After he was pushed out, exposed as an adulterer who betrayed his wife and his boss with a prostitute, Mr. Morris was able to earn the breathless cover of Time magazine for the second straight week and renegotiate his book deal upward - to an astonishing \$2.5 million. Among his other secrets was a five-

month-old deal with Harry Evans at Random House. That means he was taking notes on the President's conversations and selling out his White House colleagues while he was still working with them. Judith Regan, the New York pub-

lisher, said that Mr. Morris, looking for an even better deal, pitched his book to her last week as a flattering portrait of the Clinton Presidency. Isn't it a little late for that, now that the self-proclaimed genius and savior will.

Literary Lion Washington has blabbed to a prostitute with a

diary that he found Mr. Clinton to have no core or compassion? The air rings with piety. "This is not a book about a call girl but the governance of America and the White House and other important subjects,"

Mr. Evans said. Sure it is. Just as Random House's new O. J. Simpson book by New Yorker writer Jeffrey Toobin is about the waywardness of the legal system and the role of police in a decaying inner-

city environment Harry Evans paid top dollar for the inside scoop of a self-destructive narcissist who filled up an insecure, insincere President with poll-driven ideas. We can only hope he takes a bath on

Govern thyself, Mr. Morris.

Eileen McGann, valiantly transforming her private sorrow into public service, will help her husband edit his book on "governance."

Mr. Morris and Ms. McGann found felicitous match in Mr. Evans and his wife, Tina Brown, editor of The New Yorker. The couples sealed the book deal over lunch at the Evans-Brown East Side apartment. Ms. Brown bestowed literary legitimacy or whatever literary legitimacy The New Yorker has left to bestow on Mr. Morris by inviting him to be the honored guest, with Harvard professor Henry Louis Gates Jr., at a New Yorker breakfast for advertisers.

It breaks new ground in cultural synergy to have The New Yorker sell itself on the back of the Star. We may also soon be witnessing special hearings by the House of Representatives on the back of the Star.

Republicans, not above scouring the tabloids, declared that Mr. Morris should testify to explain the Sherry Rowlands diary entry quoting him as fingering Hillary Clinton as the one who asked for F.B.I. files of former Republican officials.

It isn't prurience that makes me linger over the Dick Morris scandals. I have a terrible sinking feeling that they tell us more about ourselves than the 15 percent tax cut or the 48hour stay in the maternity ward ever

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By VICTOR NAVASKY

IEN Arthur Miller's drama "The Crucible" first opened on Broadway in 1953, the country was in a panic about the so-called Red Menace. On Nov. 27, the first American movie of "The Crucible" will have its premiere. To understand why it took 43 years to make this film - not to mention its contemporary relevance - it pays briefly to recall the red hunt that no longer beleaguers us.

Senator Joseph McCarthy, with his reckless charges of spies and "comsymps," occupied the front pages, while behind the scenes J. Edgar Hoover, the director of the F.B.I., presided over and manipulated a vast internal security bureaucracy, issuing periodic bulletins intended to fan the flames of the domestic cold war.

In the center ring were the congressional inquisitor-investigators, asking "Are you now or have you ever been a member of the Commu-

At the time, Mr. Miller and Tennessee Williams were regarded as the world's two foremost playwrights. But that lofty status was an invitation rather than an obstacle to the red-hunters who wanted to talk to Mr. Miller. In fact, when he was finally summoned to appear, the committee chairman, Representative Francis Walters, let Mr. Miller know that things might go easier for him if he persuaded his fiancée, Marilyn Monroe, to pose for a photograph with the chairman, Mr. Miller let that option lapse and was shortly indicted for contempt of Congress when he refused to answer the committee's questions about Communists he had known.

On the left, the hunt for subversives was routinely labeled a witch hunt, after the infamous Salem witch trials of the late 17th century. And so when "The Crucible," set in Salem in

Arthur Miller's 'Crucible' finally comes to screen. What can it tell us today?

1692 but written in the overheated atmosphere of the domestic cold war, appeared, two questions were quickly asked: Was Mr. Miller's depiction of the inhabitants and events of 1692 Salem faithful to the original? And was the original an appro-

priate metaphor for McCarthylsm? It seems inevitable this time around that the two questions to be posed will be: Is the celluloid "Crucible" faithful to the play? And, since McCarthyism is long gone, what, if anything, does the movie have to say to an audience edging toward the .millennium?

"I can't tell you the number of people who, when they heard we were making a major movie, asked 'Well, what about the ending?' " Mr. Miller said one day over the sum-

Unlike "The Scarlet Letter" last year, with its tacked-on Hollywood ending, the cinematic "Crucible" (starring Winona Ryder as the young Abigail Williams, Daniel Day-Lewis as the farmer John Proctor and Joan Allen as his repressed wife. Elizabeth) is true to the story line of the stage play.

Indeed, said Mr. Miller, "One of the most persuasive moments of the film is when you see that rope tighten around Proctor's neck. That is a message - the fact that he went down to the end and did not relent."

On the historical front it was generally conceded when the play was written that Mr. Miller's research was accurate. His principal changes involved fusing some characters and raising the age of John Proctor's accuser, Abigail Williams, from 11 to 17 (to accommodate Mr. Miller's story of how a sexual liaison between Abigail and John was intertwined with the accusations of witchcraft against Proctor's wife).

But even before the play was written, Mr. Miller was denounced for his metaphor. He had stopped off at the home of his friend and colleague Elia Kazan, who had directed Mr. Miller's two previous prize-winning hits, "All My Sons" and "Death of a Salesman," and who had been subpoenaed to appear before the House Committee on Un-American Activities (where he ultimately named names).

They went for a walk in the Connecticut woods and discussed Mr. Kazan's dilemma. On the one hand to be an informer was unpalatable. but on the other, as Mr. Kazan put it at the time, "Secrecy serves the Communists."

In his memoir "Timebends," Mr. Miller wrote that he was half inside his car when Molly, Kazan's wife, "came out and asked if I was staying at my house, half an hour away, and I said that I was on my way to Salem. She instantly understood what my destination meant, and her eyes widened in sudden apprehension and possible anger. 'You're not going to

equate witches with this! Later, Mr. Kazan reported his wife's views in his own memoir, "A not to be compared with the witch trials of that time," she said. "Those witches did not exist. Communists do. Here and everywhere in the world. It's a false parallel. Witch hunt! The phrase would indicate that there are no Communists in government, none in the arts, none sending money from Hollywood to 12th Street.'

For me, the parallel worked. The term "Communist" had been so demonized that like the word "witch" it signified something that didn't really exist in its popular meaning. Certainly the entertainment community Communists like Mr. Kazan (and for a brief period, Mr. Miller himself, although he never fully joined the party) were not conscious agents of an international monolithic conspiracy to overthrow the Government by force and violence; they were, for the most part, do-gooders, who thought - misguidedly, most of them later concluded - that the Communist Party was the best agency to do something about the depression and racism at home and fascism abroad.

As it turned out, despite mixed notices for "The Crucible," over the years it was to become Arthur Miller's most performed play, with productions in China (where it was seen as a comment on the interrogation techniques of the Gang of Four in the aftermath of the Cultural Revolution), Poland, Britain, high schools and repertory theaters throughout the world. Now "The Crucible" is a \$25 million motion picture, under the aegis of 20th Century Fox.

Mr. Miller has done the screenplay for the movie, and it is directed by Nicholas Hytner, who directed the highly praised "Madness of King George" (both play and film) and first saw "The Crucible" on stage as a 12-year-old schoolboy. The poetic language found in the movie is word for word the language of the play. Dolls are "poppets," and even seemingly awkward grammatical syntax transports the audience back to a time and place when a man might choose to die for a principle.

Mr. Hytner worked with Mr. Miller on the screenplay and has confessed that at times he felt as if he were asking Shakespeare to tinker with "King Lear." But he says the transformation of the story for the screen "worked" because Mr. Miller "took it apart in a way that nobody else could have done - this incredibly tightly constructed fouract play.'

"He was disrespectful," Mr. Hytner said. "But that's because he trusted me to keep the language." As Mr. Hytner tells it, when he read Mr. Miller's first draft he was

physically seized by it. "As I turned the pages. I felt my heart pounding, my palms sweated," the director said. "Here was an entire society seized by uncontrolled madness. I actually felt in my gut what you are supposed to feel in the presence of classic tragedy, the stir-

rings of pity and terror.'

Although the playwright in Mr. Miller was originally drawn to think about the political and moral pressures of the domestic cold war years, when I asked him about the applicability of the play to the here and now he said:

"I have had immense confidence in the applicability of the play to almost any time, the reason being it's dealing with a paranoid situation. But that situation doesn't depend on any particular political or sociological development. I wrote it blind to the world. The enemy is within, and within stays within, and we can't get out of within. It's always on the edge of our minds that behind what we see is a nefarious plot."

A case in point: The nationwide rash of child molestation trials in which children have charged daycare center workers with unspeakable crimes

Indeed, Mr. Miller has already received mail pressing the analogy. I suspect it will be virtually impossible for anyone to see the close-ups of Devil-possessed children on the big screen (who ignite community panic with their accusations) and not reconsider the incredible inventory of uncorroborated allegations - including, at their outer edge, tales of satanic cults, U.F.O. abductions and human and animal sacrifices — in

the child molestation trials. When I asked Arthur Miller about the texture of sexuality that hovers over this latest "Crucible," he said: "I wasn't thinking in those terms, but that's an important element. The politically illicit always contains a

germ of the sexually illicit." Perhaps Debbie Nathan is onto something when she writes in her definitive study "Satan's Silence" (written with Michael Snedeker) that the recent obsession with daycare centers as primary venues for the sexual abuse of children is a "labulous perverse displacement of the systematic societal abuse and neglect of millions of kids.`

But "The Crucible" isn't an answer to the "believe the children" mantra that plagued the child molestation juries, any more than "Death of a Salesman" was, as Mr. Miller once put it, a plea for better conditions for traveling salesmen. On its most universal level "The Crucible" is about community hysteria, fear of the unknown, the psychology of betrayal, the cast of mind that insists on absolute truth and resorts to fear



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Winona Ryder is Abigail Williams in "The Crucible," which the playwright himself helped adapt for the screen — A parable of paranoia.

least about the fortitude it takes to go away!" protect the innocent and resist unjust authority.

The old nativist impulse that identified the foreign with the radical and the immoral is ever present in "The Crucible" and speaks to a theme in American history that includes not only Salem and McCarthvism but the Alien and Sedition Acts, the Palmer raids and countless other mobilizations grand and mini in the face of the unfamiliar. Bill Bennett and Bob Dole see the Devil in rap music, Jesse Helms in the homoerotic photographs of Robert Mapplethorpe.

Californians, ever at the cutting edge, would exorcise illegal immigrants from their schools. There may not be any more domestic Communist menace, but "Arab" is in too many quarters a code word for "terrorist." And gays in the military, AIDS in the blood supply, blacks in the neighborhood and political correctness (left-McCarthyism is what the neo-conservatives like to call it) - all have provided occasions for exploitation, public hysteria and private panic.

As Mr. Miller has written, "No man lives who has not got a panic button, and when it is pressed by the clean white hand of moral duty, a certain murderous train is set in

In an introduction to the final screenplay, which will be published by Viking Press when the movie is released, Mr. Hytner remarks that in Puritan Salem, "the constant press to dedicate every aspect of life to the glory of God is what lets the Devil in."

As I watched Paul Scofield as the Puritan prosecutor Danforth on the screen. I was back there with him in the 1690's: "You must understand, sir, a person is either with this Court or against it; there be no road between. This is a new time, a precise time; we live no longer in the dusky afternoon when evil mixed itself with good and befuddled the world. Now, by God's grace, the good folk and the evil entirely separate! I hope

you will find your place with us.' But as Danforth systematically went about the business of rooting out the Devil, my own first thoughts were of the Christian Right, whose fundamentalist message seems increasingly to engulf our political culture. The last time I looked, the polls showed that a majority of Americans say they "believe" in the Devil's existence (and 10 percent say they have communicated with him).

In his best seller, "The New World Order," Pat Robertson invokes the Book of Revelation as authority for the proposition that the "anti-Christ" is on his way. Citing George Bush's talk of a new world order in the aftermath of the gulf war, he writes that "Satan knows" that "a world government" is just around the corner. The government is the enemy and the Christian movement

is the victim. Asked whether he agreed that today's Christian fundamentalists might be a case study in the sort of political hysteria depicted in "The Crucible," Mr. Miller said, "Fundamentalism is happening internationally" and talked of a television clip he had seen the previous evening. 'in Israel, they're rushing through the streets trying to stop traffic on the Sabbath. The absolutist passion is an undying feeling. The fanaticism of people attacking automobiles! The isolation that the Jews were forced into feeds that. In another age it was the Catholics. It ain't going to

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As Elaine Pagels, the scholarly author of "The Origin of Satan," has written: "Throughout the centuries, Christians have lurned the [New Testament Gospels'] polemical vocabulary against a wider range of enemies. In the 16th century, for example. Martin Luther, founder of Prorestant Christianity, denounced as agents of Satan all Christians who remained loyal to the Roman Catholic Church, all Jews who refused to acknowledge Jesus as Messiah, all who challenged the power of the landowning aristocrats by participating in the Peasants' War and all

Lutheran."

And so the final irony may well be that the movie it was thought impossible to make during the McCarthy years because it was about McCarthyism (itself a misnomer since it began long before the hapless Senator arrived on the scene) turns out not to have been about that particular social deformation at all. Rather, it was about something more universal - fear of forces one can't understand and control.

"When something is unseen or secret or unfamiliar, you're free to project anything on it," observed Mr. Miller. 'protestant' Christians who were not :

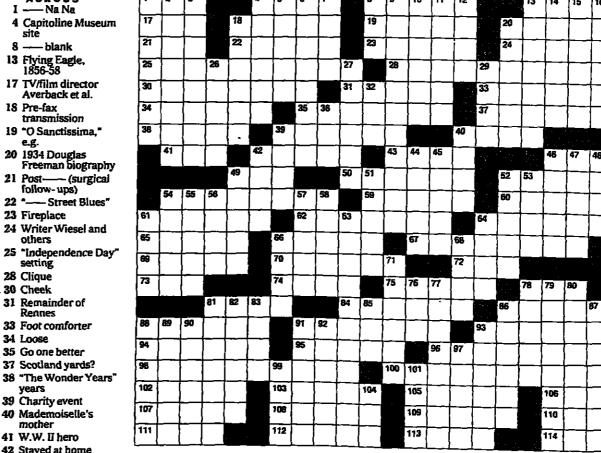
My spies tell me that 20th Century

Fox intends to market "The Crucible" as a " 'Fatal Attraction' story." After all, it is explained, what brings the community down is a simple case of adultery. When I first heard that, I thought, how sad, how Hollywood! Surely Mr. Miller and Mr. Hytner and their magnificent cast have given us a drama that is aboutmore than the "lecher" and the "whore," as Salem's vocabulary

would have it. But as I think about the sex, supernatural religion, politics and paranoia that boil and bubble in the Miller and Hytner brew, it occurs to me that "The Crucible" was probably destined for Hollywood all along.

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Unexpected locker find: Frozen whalemeat

D'YORA BEN SHAUL

T isn't often that forensic scientists are called to examine a locker filled with 16 tons of whale meat, but two years ago in Russia this is just what happened. The police wanted to know if they could tell them how old the whale meat was and how long it had been in storage.

It all started when it came to the attention of the Russian authorities that a local pair of entrepreneurs had offered the Japanese 16 tons of whale meat and that the Japanese, always wanting more of this delicacy, were buying. But, since whaling is banned in Russia (except for a very few whales caught legally as food for a small extremely northern group of people for whom it is and has always been a staple diet), the authorities are interested in knowing where this whale meat came from.

Unfortunately, while the anti-whaling laws went into effect through the offices of the International Whaling Commission (IWC) some 18 years ago, the former USSR was not particularly attentive to the demands of the law, and a lot of illegal whaling was taking place under government auspices.

In some cases the matter was so well orchestrated that special vents were built into the deck and hull of whaling vessels so that the ship could produce, on demand, a cloud of vapor that surrounded the vessel and prevented satellites or overflying aircraft from seeing or photographing the activities on deck or around the ship. These pirate ships plied the icy waters of the north, and accounted for the illegal catching of thousands of whales over 10 years or so.

This was much to the distress of the IWC and to scientists studying marine life once they learnt about it, because it totally invalidated all the studies they had conducted over the years on whale dispersal patterns and whale popula-

But, since the disintegration of the USSR, it must be noted that the Russians - the only real whaling population in the former USSR - have gone a long way towards cleaning up their act and in baring to officials the true records of whaling activities in the past.

So where, they ask, did these men get 16 tons of whale meat? The entrepreneurs claim that the whale meat has been in cold storage, where it is today, since before the 18-year-old whaling ban went into effect, but officials at the coldstorage plant they use say they have no knowledge or records of any whale meat being kept there for such a long period.

The authorities asked forensic scientists to determine the age of the whale meat in the locker. This was no mean task, as there was no precedent for this kind of analysis. But after two years of study on all sorts of frozen meats, the scientists at the Moskva Technical Institute issued a statement that in their opinion the meat was not more than 10 years old. This would mean that it was caught long after the ban went into effect.

Whether this will hold up in court or not remains to be seen, but in the meantime the police in Russia have charged the two men with trafficking in banned food products.

UK ex-pats key to electoral success

The British election campaign came here as both major political parties sent leading representatives. Tom Gross spoke separately with Jeffrey Archer and Robin Cook

NLIKE Israel, many democracies allow their citizens living abroad to vote in domestic elections. This includes Britain, where a general election must be held some time before next May, and following signs of steady economic recovery, a close race is now

British Jews could play an important role in determining their outcome, since they have strong links with politically pivotal regions such as London and England's north-west, both of which contain many marginal constituencies. Before the last election five years ago,

David Sumberg, Conservative MP for Bury South (near Manchester), personally flew out to canvass in Netanya, where many of his former constituents live. He believes the support he captured here helped secure his slim victory in England, where he won by only 788

In an attempt to win the votes of British citizens abroad, senior strategists from the two main British political parties, the ruling Conservatives (or Tones) and the opposition Labor Party, this month dispatched senior representatives to woo some of the estimated 35,000 Britons eligible to vote living in Israel. The Conservatives sent their party chairman, Lord (Jeffrey) Archer (who in addition to his political role is also wellknown internationally as a best-selling novelist) and Labor sent the shadow Foreign Secretary, Robin Cook.

JEFFREY ARCHER

Despite signs of a strong economic recovery, the Conservatives are still trailing Labor by over 20 percentage points in the opinion polls. Can you win the elections? Yes, I've no doubt at all that we can.

The problem we face is that after 18 years in power people are bored with us and we will have to convince them that it's far too great a risk to elect a Labor

The "new look" Labor Party has claimed the center ground of British politics since Tony Blair became its leader two years ago, and promptly ditched its old-style socialist policies. What are now the main differences between the two parties?

Although there's not now a great deal of difference between the left wing of our party and Tony Blair, there are great dif-ferences with old-style socialists like

[deputy leader] John Prescott and Robin Cook.

Many British Jews regard the Conservatives as the party with the closest ties to the British establishment, and in particular with the Foreign Office, which is not known historically for its pro-Israel sympathies. What do you hope to say to Jewish voters here to dis-

pel that image?
I can only speak for myself. As a young MP [in the 1970s] I worked very hard to get Jews out of Russia and I've remained a friend of the Jewish people throughout my political life.

Disraeli pointed out that many Jews were in fact natural conservatives, but the antisemitism that held them back from proper social acceptance turned them into people of the left. To what extent do you think this is correct? If so, has the tide now turned, allowing British Jews to find a home on the right?

Jews are born to be conservatives. They are entrepreneurs, inventive and hard-working. Under Margaret Thatcher and John Major there's been a higher Jewish representation in the British cabinet than ever before.

The Jewish Conservative MP for South Hants., Anthony Steen, said recently that anti-Jewish prejudice could prevent two of the most senior figures in the government, Home Secretary Michael Howard and Foreign Secretary Malcolm Rifkind, both of whom are Jewish, from winning a future Conservative leadership con-test. Do you think there is some truth in

I can only speak for myself. I think these are two of the most outstanding men in government today, and if I had a vote they'd both be very high on my list. I don't sense it among my colleagues. If Anthony Steen does I'm very, very sorry. Do you think there are any problems

for Rifkind in his being Jewish? Some people say it makes him more sympa-thetic to Israel, but many others say he has bent over backwards not to be. For example, in a speech in London in May, he said that 'Israel is considered to be in military occupation of East Jerusalem and only to have de-facto authority over West Jerusalem."

Although of course only he can answer your question, what I can say is that I've known Malcolm for 30 years and besides being among the most decent, educated and intelligent human beings I've ever





Jeffrey Archer (left): Jews are born to be conservatives. They are entrepreneurs, inventive and hard-working. Robin Cook: There's no antisemitism in Labor ranks, absolutely none. We are a party that opposes racism in any form.

(Karen Benzian and Isaac Harari)

who comes down on the side of what is

How important is Israel to Britain and which party in Britain is more sym-

pathetic to Israel? Of course, I would like to say the Conservatives, although to be fair, both sides of the House [of Commons] care about Israel and it wouldn't be clever of

me to try and score points. Why don't you move your embassy to

This is a matter of time and will be effected by what happens in the next few months, not just by Britain, but in coordination with several other countries.

ROBIN COOK Are you worried by the recent slight dip in support for Labor in the opinion

We have been 20-30 points ahead for the last three years and are still comfortably ahead. This is the biggest and longest unbroken lead in the history of polling. We're confident we're going to

win but we're not being complacent. The "new look" Labor Party has moderated itself enormously since Tony Blair became leader two years ago. What are now the main differences between the two parties? Are Labor's policies just Thatcherism with a slightly

more human face? No, certainly not. The Labor Party offers policies that are tailored to provide opportunity and justice for the great mass of the British people, whereas the Conservatives have consistently defended the nest of those who are privileged. " There's no antisemitism in Labor

dealt with, he is also a dispassionate man basis where everybody has a stake in it, not just a few people.

Several senior Labor Party members

have termed Tony Blair's leadership style as "dictatorial." Most recently, one Labor MP likened Blair to North Korean dictator Kim Il Sung. Is Mr. Blair behaving in a dictatorial manner?

No, absolutely not. What is significant about the Labor Party at the present time is the extent to which it is united. Of course a few individuals may say things that are not from the party songbook, but no Labor Party leader has done more to meet with and involve party members than Tony Blair.

Whereas in the past Jews have often played a prominent role in the Labor Party, very few of the people around Blair seem to be Jewish. On the other hand, many leading Conservatives of the last few years have been. Do British Jews now feel more comfortable in the Conservative Party?

That's quite wrong. Tony has very good relations with the Jewish community and a number of senior Jewish businessmen regularly meet with him. He has had a long association with the Labor Friends of Israel, which he addressed at party conference last year, and has quite strongly drawn links between his own philosophy of a community, and the traditional Jewish approach. The Jewish Conservative MP

Anthony Steen recently claimed there was anti-Jewish prejudice within his party. To what extent do you think antisemitic prejudice also exists within the Labor Party?

We want society to be organized on a ranks, absolutely none. We are a party

that opposes racism in any form. Which party in Britain is more sympathetic to Israel? If you were foreign secretary, would there be any differ-

ences in policy toward Israel? We don't wish to get into a Dutch auction, we are anxious that both British parties speak with a united voice and we have given broad support for the speech by Malcolm Rifkind on the Palestine question which he made last May and for the commitment for the land-for-peace

Have you met Netanyahu? Do you like him?

Of course we support our sister party here and were disappointed they did not continue in government. But plainly it is a matter for the Israeli people to decide who they wish to govern them and we will work with either party. I had a very good and productive meeting and full discussion with Mr. Netanyahu when we met during my visit here.

Netanyahu has said he wants to move Israel to a much more market-oriented economy. Do you think in general this is good thing?

Yes, there can be economic stimulus and opportunity from reforms to the economy, but it's very important that as the government proceeds with market liberalization, it makes sure that those who are vulnerable in society are protected and that the opportunities are fair-

Note: British citizens who have lived abroad for less than 20 years maintain their right to vote, as do their children who were under 18 when their parents left. To do so they must register at the British Embassy before October 10.

A prisoner's freedom of expression

In the Supreme Court, sitting as a once in a telephone conversation Court of Appeal under section 62A of the Prisons Ordinance (New Version) of 1971, before Justices Eliyahu Mazza. Mishael Cheshin, and Dalia Dorner, in the matter of Avi Hananya Golan, appellant, versus The Prison Service, respondeni (P.A.4463/94).

OLAN IS serving a cumulative sentence of 10 and a half years' imprisonment in the Ashmoret prison as a prisoner requiring special protection." In 1989, while imprisoned in Ashkelon, he wrote a series of articles in a local paper describing his life in prison for which he was paid. In 1994 he requested permission to write in a Netanya paper on his prison experiences, but was refused. He petitioned the Tel-Aviv District Court, under section 62A(a) of the above Ordinance, to overrule that decision. The petition was denied on the ground that refusing him free access to the press, which would seriously affect prison administration, was not unreasonable, and he appealed to

JUSTICE MAZZA, in giving the first judgment, said Golan had relied on his basic freedoms of expression and occupation. He averred that being a prisoner requiring "special protection" prevented him from participation, with other prisoners, in rehabilitation programs, that writing and publishing his impressions would release him from his isolation and loneliness, and that his fees for his writings would improve his prison con-

The service did not deny prisoners' basic rights of expression and occupation. However, contacts with the press were, in principle, only permitted on an organized and supervised basis, while individual contacts were allowed only in exceptional circumstances.

Moreover, his requirement of special protection precluded his employment by any outside person, which could expose him to some danger. Granting his request. the service submitted, would give him exceptional power which could affect his relationship with warders and other prison officials. and disturb normal prison proce-

The service also alleged that Golan had twice abused his privilege in the past, once in an interview with journalists after his

while in prison. On the other hand, said Justice Mazza, he had promised not to mention in his articles anyone except himself, and to submit them all to prior censorship. To this the service replied that such censorship was not only outside its duties, but also completely imprac-

He then analyzed in depth several precedents and legal texts relat-ing to freedom of speech and expression in general, and that of prisoners in particular.

The primacy of this basic freedom had been emphasized in Chief Justice Agranat's classic judgment in the case of Kol Ha'am (H.C.73/53-Selected Supreme Court Judgments [English], vol. I,

It could only be denied if it involved "a near certainty of serious damage to the public interest." Subject to prisoners' limitation of movement, they were entitled to it no less than everyone else. He then reiterated that no basic freedom was absolute.

There were competing interests, and the court had to strike a balance between them, in this case between Golan's right to publish his articles, and the necessities of prison administration.

In his opinion, he said, the refusal to grant Golan's request was uniustified. Golan had accepted the service's right to censor any article likely to damage the public interest, or the organization of the prison or its discipline, or the reputation of any officer, warder, or prisoner. The service had relied mainly on the power Golan would receive as a "journalist." It had submitted that it had neither the right nor the facilities to censor his material. However, regulation 33 of the Prison Regulations of 1978 under the above Law gave it censorship powers, and he could not accept that it did not have the facilities to

The service had also contended, he said, that Golan, being a prisoner requiring special protection, precluded him from being employed by a person outside the prison. Citing section 4 of the Basic Law: Freedom of Occupation, of 1994, he said that argument too was unacceptable, since Golan asked permission to write inside the prison, and the Law afforded him that right, Justice Mazza proposed. therefore, that the appeal be allowed

escape from prison in 1987, and JUSTICE CHESHIN dissented

LAW REPORT ASHER FELIX LANDAU

from his colleague. Justice Mazza, he said, had written a kind of prisoners' "magna carta," and he accepted the principles there laid

However, while the basic freedoms were to be recognized, a balance was to be struck between the extremely arduous task of conducting a prison with all the restrictions involved, and the basic individual rights of prisoners.

He then pointed to features relating to Golan's weekly articles, which favored the service's decision; they would affect the relationship between him and the warders and prison staff and the relationship between the warders themselves; he would acquire more information then other prisoners about prison conditions; and he would acquire a special status among prisoners with all the dan-

gers involved.

Prison Ordinance and regulations, he found that a proper balance between the conflicting considerations justified the service. A prison community was composed of crim-

inals, who were not necessarily entitled to the same rights as others. Golan had relied on the service's censorship powers, but he justified the reply that that power was intended for the normal kind of material leaving a prison, and was not directed to weekly articles and the time and effort their censorship

would involve. Golan had also undertaken to write only about his personal life, and not mention individuals. His record, however, precluded any reliance on his promises. He also was wary, added Justice Cheshin. of relying on precedents relating to prisons in other countries. The court was concerned with an Israeli prison and a particular prisoner. He proposed, therefore, that the appeal be dismissed.

JUSTICE DORNER agreed with Citing several sections of the Justice Mazza. Citing several

authorities and The Basic Law: The Freedom and Dignity of Man, of 1992, she stressed two conditions for denying the basic freedom of expression in the present context: a near certainty of real and serious damage to prison order and discipline, and that such a result could

not be averted by reasonable She also emphasized that it was for the service to justify its refusal to allow the articles. In her opinion, the service had failed to establish either of the above conditions, and its decision, therefore, could not

IN THE result, and by majority decision, the appeal was allowed, the District Court's judgment was set aside, and the service was ordered to grant Golan the permission sought.

Dan Yakir appeared for Golan, and Yehuda Shefer, Senior Assistant State Attorney, appeared for the service.

The judgment was given on August 25, 1996.

One of the wonders of the world, the Galapagos Islands in the Southern Pacific, 1000 km. from land, represent a unique natural phenomenon which formed the basis for Charles Darwin's Origin of the Species. Here, at the equator, are animals not seen anywhere else in the world - glant tortoise, marine iguanas, swimming birds that can't fly, penguins and sea lions, and sunflowers as tall as trees. Our exclusive bilingual English-Hebrew tour will be led by the well-known biologist and experienced guide Uzi We'll fly to Miami, continue on to Guayaquli in Ecuador, where we'll board a yacht and spend six days salling in the area and exploring the land and marine marvels of the many islands - land iguanas that recall ancient dinosaurs, flamingos and frigate birds, sea mammals and mocking birds, kingfishers and chaffinches, We'll return for six days in Ecuador, which will include a two-day jungle trip where we'll sail along giant rivers, observe indian life in colorful villages and get to know

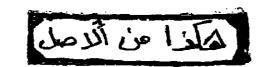
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The north-south Trans-Israel

route will be complimented by

east-west roads, said National Infrastructure Minister Ariel

As a result of the government's

roads program, the ministers said, people and businesses will have

the opportunity to avoid the "huge

land and real estate prices" in the

center of the country.

The road is not just a piece of

transport infrastructure, but a key to developing all of Israel," said Cross-Israel Highway Ltd. chair-

The tender for the latest section

shows the importance of links

between the public and private

sectors, said Levy, with the gov-

A child adjusts her uncle's cigarette yesterday at a Beijing shopping center. While the city has

banned smoking in most public places, smokers can light up when outside. The tobacco industry

is a major source of revenue for the government, which taxes 300 million smokers.

man Moshe Levy.

Wexler resigns as ILA chief

DAVID HARRIS

SRAEL Lands Administration lirector general Uzi Wexler handed his resignation in person to National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon yesterday.

While Wexler's departure had peen predicted since Labor's election defeat in May, Sharon said Wexler left the ministry on good terms, and will be missed.

Sharon has also asked Wexler to continues his link with the administration in an advisory capacity.

It's been suggested in the media that Wexler is leaving his post because of disagreements with Sharon, including differences over the level of compensation being offered to farmers who are losing land to the construction of the Trans-Israel Highway.

"I think it's only natural there are differences," responded

So far no replacement has been found, according to the ministry. It is being reported that Attorney General Michael Ben-Yair has told Sharon that his preferred candidate, lawyer Avi Drexler, cannot be considered because of his involvement in the Aryeh Deri

"There is no definite replacement for Wexler," said Sharon. "
This is for wexler," said Sharon. " This is for a very simple reason - I personally haven't made up my mind. I'm sure in Israel there are plenty of good candidates for the post; we'll pick the most appropri-

Ya'acobi: **IEC** must cope with competition

Jerusalem Post Staff

THE Israel Electric Corporation will have to learn to cope with new conditions, including competition from private and independent producers, according to company chairman Gad Ya'acobi.

Ya'acobi was speaking as IEC executives were discussing the company's development program for the next 20 years, particularly in the areas of electricity generation and transmission.

Ya'acobi also drew attention to the increasing use of gas in production, especially with the anticipated construction of the Egypt-Israel gas pipeline.

Among the projects being considered are a second national power transmitter, either along the length of the Ayalon Highway, or further east. A full program of power and switching stations is also being considered.

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Tender issued for toll section of Trans-Israel Highway

THE NIS700 million tender to construct the central section of the Trans-Israel Highway was issued

Four consortia have been invited to compete for the tender to build the 90-kilometer stretch from just west of Shoresh in the south to Rosh Ha'ayin in the north.

Eventually, the minimum fourlane highway will run from just. south of Kiryat Gat to Yokne'am, with possible additions to Rosh Hanikra and beyond Beersheba.

Those looking to win the tender are Israel Transport Ventures, which is led by Transroute International (France) and Yona Group; Derech Eretz Consortium, comprising, among others, Africa Israel Investments Ltd. and Canadian Highways Investment Corp.; Israel Kingsway Group, including Dragados (Spain), and Tarmac Construction Ltd. (United Kingdom); and a fourth consor-

Union Bank sale won't occur without

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

MI HOLDINGS, the state firm in charge of selling the state's bank holdings, has agreed not to conclude a deal to sell its remaining holdings in Union Bank without receiving the workers' agreement.

The government is very close to finalizing a transaction to sell 23.2 percent of Union Bank's shares to the Shlomo Eliyahu group, which currently controls the bank.

Heads of Union Bank's workers committee and Zion Shema, head of the Histadrut's bank and insurance firms workers division, yesterday met with MI Holdings general manager Meir Yacobson to discuss the threatened work dispute.

The workers intend to strike unless the government agrees to allocate them 10 percent of its shares in Union at a 25% discount or offer some kind of other alternative. The workers are also demanding they receive unlinked loans to finance the share purchase.

According to Shema, the workers are demanding the same conditions as those previously offered to Bank Leumi and Bank Hapoalim.

But, in contrast to Leumi and Hapoalim, Union Bank's shares will not be offered to the general public through a share offering.

MI Holdings has agreed to discuss it with the workers immediately after Rosh Hashana. In the meantime, the workers have received MI Holdings' word that it will not conclude a transaction with the Eliyahu group without the workers' consent.

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Ports and Railways Authority - Israel

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tium lead by Bouygues (France), with backing from Israeli, German and Italian companies.

The central section of the northsouth route has been designated by the government as a selffinancing toll-route, with the successful company operating the electronic system for the first 30 years and ownership then reverting back to the government.

Our aim is that the the successful tender will make profits," said Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu during the tender launch in his office.

Netanyahu explained the main aim of the road is to attract major portions of the population and industry into Israel's hinterland. "In the past, industry and people have had to be subsidized and cajoled into Israel's peripheries, in essence this has not succeeded,"

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The first contracts to build the he said. "We're sick of the term 'development town,' we want to Ben Shemen and Kessem interchanges were awarded in the pubbe able to call them developed

lic sector. Work at Ben Shemen, costing NIS70m., is expected to be completed next February.

This interchange will link the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem, Maccabim-Modi'in, and Ben Shemen-Rosh Ha'ayin roads with Trans-Israel Route 6. Construction of the NIS150m.

Kessem interchange should begin next month and last for two-and-ahalf-years.

This will connect the new road with the concurrently developing Trans-Samaria Highway 5.

The majority of the 90-kilometer route has already received full planning permission, despite continuing objections from environmental groups.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Defense contractors prepare for military exhibition in Poland: Six Israeli defense contractors are scheduled to participate in a military exhibition in Poland meant to highlight Israel's capability in the military industrial field. The six companies to attend the September 23 fair in Gdenya are Elbit, Elisra, Rafael, Tadiran and Israel Aircraft Industries. The companies are being organized by the Defense Ministry's Sibat arms exports division.

Officials said this is the third time that Sibat has organized Israeli participation in a military exhibition in Poland. They said the Israeli presence is meant to promote Israeli military products and upgrade capabilities, especially in the field of aviation and armor.

Israeli defense contractors launched a major initiative in the early 1990s to win contracts in Poland. But defense sources said Poland's lack of capital have frustrated the Israeli effort.

Peilim program calculates yield of maturity for bonds: Peilim, a member of the Bank Hapoalim group, has developed a new program to calculate the yield of maturity for bonds.

The program enables users to quickly find out the influence of changes in yields, calculate the worth of Maof options, and compare shekel investment alternatives.

Radisson delegation concludes visit here: A delegation of 21 directors of worldwide accounts from Radisson Worldwide and Radisson SAS wrapped up a visit to Israel yesterday. The purpose of the visit was to enable the directors to launch marketing campaigns for Israel and the Radisson Moriah hotels.

The visit was initiated by Rafi Beeri, Radisson Moriah's vice president, marketing, in cooperation with the Tourism Ministry and El Al. During their stay, the visitors went to Eilat, where they also met with Christian Gartman, general manager of Radisson SAS Jordan.

United Mizrahi Bank deputy general manager to retire: David Olmar, deputy general manager of United Mizrahi Bank, yesterday announced his decision to retire from the bank after 38 years. United Mizrahi Bank management said they intend to consult Olmar after

Israel's credit rating reapproved

Jerusalem Post Staff

ISRAEL'S credit rating was reap-proved yesterday in the internarating companies Moodys Investors Service and Standard and Poors.

The companies informed Treasury Accountant General Shai Talmon of their decision, following Israel's initial A3, long-term. foreign currency sovereign ceilings for both bond and bank deposits rating given at the end of

The announcement came two days before the government issues the report could well focus on the on the Eurobonds are scheduled to be underwritten at a ceremony in

Jerusalem. The ratings are crucial in Israel's sion.

attempt to raise funds abroad. The decisions by Moodys and tional markets A and A3 by credit Standard and Poors were welcomed as "a vote of confidence" by the Finance Ministry, which hopes to sell up to \$250 million worth of bonds by the year's end, the first part of a three-year bid to raise \$750m.

Meanwhile, the International Monetary Fund delegation currently here will present its initial report on Wednesday.

While the ratings reapproval is likely to be looked on favorably, economic slowdown, which some economists and politicians are calling the early signs of a reces-

Most provident funds suffer negative real yields

Banks expect improvement in returns next month

Hilton signs deal to manage Eilat's Queen of Sheba

HAIM SHAPIRO

THE country's first theme hotel, the Eilat Queen of Sheba Hilton, is due to open at the end of 1998, according to real estate developer Yitzhak Tshuva, who is building the 450-room hotel.

Tshuva signed a contract yesterday with Hilton International, which is to manage the property. In addition to being built on a Oueen of Sheba theme. similar in style to Sun City in South Africa, the hotel is to have half its rooms built as apartment units, which are to be sold to private buyers. The hotel is on the only privately owned beachfront property in Eilat," Tshuva said. "Each buyer will be registered in Tabu."

Participating in the \$100 million investment with Tshuva's Elad Hotels is Or-Yam, owned by Ted Arison's Arison Investments and Secom Israel. which is part of the Shikun Ovdim group.

Hilton International chairman Peter George, who came to Tel Aviv for the signing ceremony, noted it is unusual, but not unknown for a Hilton hotel to have some rooms owned by individuals as separate units.

Among hotels which have this system are some in Saudi Arabia and the Jakarta Hilton. According to the system, the owners must agree to have their units managed by Hilton, which may rent them out, with a set proportion of the funds going to the owners.

According to Tshuva, the buyers will have to be approved before they can The hotel, Tshuva said, would be more luxurious than anything existing until now in Israel. It is to have a large public commercial recreation and

restaurant complex on the ground floor, he said.

market in the first week of September. Bank Hapoalim said a continuation of this trend "will contribute to real positive yields and a change in the atmosphere of the

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funds achieved negative real

returns of between 0.1 percent and

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the funds reported negative real

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The banks, which expressed

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Tamar manages assets of about NIS12.9 billion.

Bank Leumi's Ot'zma fund reported a negative real yield of 0.15% last month and accumulated negative yield of 2.95% since the start of the year.

Bank Hapoalim's Gadish fund, the largest fund in the country, registered a negative real yield of 0.2% in August.

Since the start of the year the fund has achieved an accumulated negative return of 3.7%. The fund manages assets of

NIS12.25b. Standing out were the smaller funds, mainly of United Mizrahi

Bank and First International Bank, which achieved average

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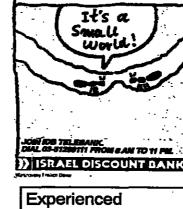
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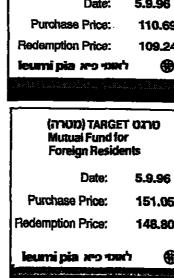


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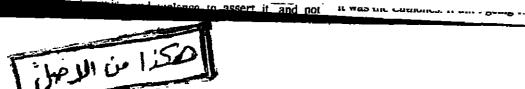
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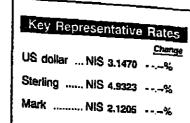
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German plans to trim welfare spending

A long-running battle pitting powerful labor unions against the government and employers

will come to a showdown on Friday when par-

liament votes on Chancellor Helmut Kohl's

controversial austerity package that would

That explosive vote on the austerity measures

will be preceded by separate heated debate

after Finance Minister Theo Waigel presents a

draft of the 1997 budget on Tuesday that will

Unions are promising a "hot autumn" of

labor unrest if the government succeeds with

the legislation that would for the first time trim

sick pay benefits, raise retirement ages and

The government says the measures are

designed to reduce the country's 10 percent

unemployment rate and stop companies from

exporting thousands of jobs abroad each year

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Bundestag, or lower house, and can spare no

urgent warning that the government's growth

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Precious metal futures end weaker COMMODITIES ROUNDUP

PRECIOUS metals futures ended mostly weaker, barring a modest uptick in palladium, at the final bell in the New York pits on

December silver futures led the complex lower, with technically inspired fund selling pressuring the market

With little on the fundamental front affecting gold prices near term, some traders say silver's course will continue to lead the complex.

Modest producer selling was noted in the gold market. Looking ahead, gold traders

will be looking toward the early October World Bank/International Monetary Fund (IMF) meeting in Washington DC.

The subject of concern is the potential for IMF sales of a portion of its gold reserves to raise needed cash for aid to poor coun-

There is little on the fundamental front affecting platinum and palladium, with no major production or political situations in either Russia or South Africa.

The NYMEX announced that margins on COMEX gold futures contracts will be decreased.

The margins will be lowered to \$750 for clearing members, members and hedgers and to \$1,013 for speculators.

October gold futures closed down 70 cents to \$386.00; December silver ended down 3.5 cents to \$5.1580 and October platinum was down 40 cents to

\$395.90. Grain futures at the Chicago Board of Trade ended mostly lower, with com prices settling at four-week lows amid improving hopes for this year's crop and concems over foreign demand.

Com's weakness stemmed partly from forecasts for continued crop-favorable conditions in the Midwestern US.

Temperatures around the Midwest are expected to remain generally warm through the end of this week, which should help enhance crop development and bring it closer to maturity.

No threat of frost is foreseen through mid-September.

Also, forecasters see better prospects for moisture in the eastem half of the Com Belt due to the activity of Hurricane Fran, which moved over the Carolinas early Friday.

Wheat futures closed weaker. with deferreds taking the hardest losses on expectations of a bigger supply of wheat coming from other countries as a long-term bearish fundamental.

December corn closed down 2.25 cents per bushel at \$3.3250 and December wheat was down 3.50 cents at \$4.4250 per bushel. Soybean futures closed higher, with September closing sharply higher and leading the day's gains in a late rally, traders said.

The market saw relatively volatile trading, especially in the morning, when the market opened weaker, surged on fund buying and then fell back to its lows.

Forecasters are calling for a cooler start to this week, but how cool is unknown. The forecasts were deemed

friendly, even though the cool outlook was suggested earlier last week on long-range charte. The November soybean futures

contract closed at \$8.00, up 4.25 cents. December cotton futures closed firmer in a subdued session within a fairly narrow range, sources said, with that month's contract closing 54 points higher to 74.18 cents.

December coffee futures settled higher on the day on late buying by commercial trade and funds, which had followed fund seiling and triggered sell stops, sources

130 points higher at \$1.1290.

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Cocoa's late strength may have neen spurred by a bullish Ivorian rop report, an analyst added. The December cocoa futures

ontract settled \$18 higher at Courtesy of Michael Zwebner

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TRALEE, Ireland (Reuter) - The European Union complained yes-terday that US laws punishing Cuba, Iran and Libya would hit EU business but said retaliation was unlikely until after the American presidential elections in November.

"We repeat our absolute opposition to legislation with extra-territorial effects and our determination to protect the European Union," Irish Foreign Minister Dick Spring said at the end of a two-day informal meeting of EU Foreign Ministers.

But Spring and EU Commission President Jacques Santer said EU retaliation, including an appeal to the World Trade Organization, was unlikely until after the November polls.

BONN (Reuter) - Germany's widely admired

'social consensus" faced greater strain yester-

day after over 200,000 trade union workers

demonstrated against government plans to trim

The 240,000 trade union workers who

marched through the center of six major

German cities on Saturday were sending a

clear message to parliament that the govern-

ment's attempts to erode workers' rights will be

The demonstrations in Berlin, Hamburg,

Stuttgart, Dortmund, Leipzig and Ludwigshafen were organized by the German

Trade Union Federation (DGB) and followed a

July rally in Bonn that brought 350,000 pro-

"The social conflicts will escalate if the gov-

ernment and employers stick to their con-

frontation course," said Klaus Zwickel, head of

the powerful IG Metall metalworkers union, at

"The government's policies will make the

poor poorer and the rich richer," Zwickel

added. "They are taking aim at the pensioners,

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the rally in Stuttgart, attended by 50,000.

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The delay gave Washington

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some breathing space in a dispute which has strained EU-US relations and raised the prospect of a transatlantic trade war because of Washington's determination to punish its long-time foes.

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Spring said the EU would raise the dispute with Washington "at every opportunity" but expressed the hope it would not sour its longterm relations with the US. "We all know that our relation-

ship [with the US] is far bigger, far more substantial and important than these current difficulties," he EU states are furious that US

legislation to punish the three countries could ensuare European companies which is in violation of the principles of free trade to which both the US and EU are

The D'Amato act was framed by Washington to punish Iran and Libya's alleged support for terrorism while the Helms-Burton legislation has been sharpened to put pressure on Cuban strongman Fidel Castro to democratize his

D'Amato will impose sanctions on companies investing more than \$40 million a year in the oil sec-tors of Iran and Libya, who depend upon their petroleum exports for most of their foreign trade and exchange. Helms-Burton allows US citi-

zens to file suits against firms which use properties confiscated by Castro. EU states back the democratiza-

tion of Cuba and the fight against but question terrorism Washington's choice of weapons

Spring said "nothing should distract us from our commitment to foster democracy in Cuba or combat terrorism wherever it is in the

against the three states.

Last week he held talks with Stuart Eizenstat, President Bill Clinton's envoy charged with explaining the reasons and scope of the Helms-Burton legislation to skeptical EU states.

EU ministers left no doubt about the depth of their bitterness about the sanctions, which would impose US legislation far beyond its borders.

"The EU is entitled to take appropriate initiatives to counter the two pieces of legislation, whose unilateral nature we cannot accept," said French Foreign Minister Herve Charette.

quickly implemented," said Chancellery

jobs, and reduce public deficits," Bohl added.

Germany's successful post-war "social con-

sensus" linking government, unions and

employers, has helped give the country

Europe's most powerful economy in past

In exchange for job security and an extensive

social welfare network, workers have rarely

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become frayed in recent years as the country

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increased global competition and the high costs

of financing the reconstruction of formerly communist East Germany.

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Optimism on provident funds boosts shares

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STOCK indexes advanced about one percent yesterday, as investors expressed optimism that the provident funds' redemption problem had passed, lifting bond prices and stocks.

Stocks were led by Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd., telecommunications provider Bezeq, American Israeli Paper Mills Ltd., Israel Land Developer

Co., and Klal Industries Ltd. They were hurt by a 9.25 percent drop in shares of Africa-Israel Investments Ltd.

"Right now, it seems the worst" of the provident funds' difficulties to Amnon Heifetz, general manager of Calil, the portfolio management subsidiary of Israel General Bank.

"Prices of bonds have been going up for two weeks. It seems that they are taking stocks" with them, he said.

The Two-Sided Index rose 1.06% to 188.81, while the Maof Index climbed 0.92% to 198.40. Teva was the most active issue. rising 2.5% on NIS5.3 million worth of shares traded.

Across the exchange, NIS72.5m. worth of shares traded, 8.8% more than this month's aver-"happened in August," according age of NIS63.3m. (Bloomberg)

S. Korea threatens to boycott North's investment forum

SEOUL (Reuter) - Fledgling eco-nomic ties between North and South Korea were thrown into uncertainty yesterday after Seoul threatened to boycott an investment forum in the North in a row over invitations.

Seoul feels snubbed by Pyongyang's apparent decision to exclude some South Koreans who applied to attend the UN-backed September 13-15 forum in the Rajin-Sonbong investment zone.

A spokesman for Seoul's National Unification Ministry said unless Pyongyang opened its doors to all South Korean business executives, government officials and journalists who applied, nobody would be going. Unless they allow in all of our applicants, we will send nobody," he said.

Later, a Unification Ministry

statement said Seoul had demanded North Korea accept all 53 applications in a message delivered through the United Nations Development Program, one of the sponsors of the forum along with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization.

North Korea handed the South only 20 invitations.

Local media reports said Pyongyang had rejected the journalists and officials who wanted to travel to the zone on the border of China and Russia.

Seoul officials say North Korea is dangling 101 industrial projects in the zone and hoping they will attract \$800 million.

Among them are a semiconductor plant, an oil refinery, naptha cracker and smaller plants making everything from glass to furniture

Rajin-Sonbong is the only foreign investment window of its kind in North Korea and was set up by the late Great Leader Kim Il-sung as a tentative experiment in capitalism. However, so far Pyongyang has

made only half-hearted efforts to develop the area into a Chinesestyle special economic zone.

Now suffering crippling shortages of food and fuel, and desperate for hard currency, Pyongyang appears anxious to kick-start the scheme. The remote zone lacks basic port and transport infrastructure, and Pyongyang has no money to pay for it.

North Korea investment consultants say it was set up far from the capital Pyongyang so any unwelcome foreign influences could be

Pyongyang's hopes that it will get major investment from South Korea, China, Japan and Russia in large-scale industrial projects are unrealistic, they say.

South Korea's business conglomerates are just starting to dip their toes into North Korea, making small-scale investments mainly in processing plants. Large investment will have to wait for a political breakthrough between the two

Koreas, still technically at war since their 1950–53 conflict. South Korea excluded representatives of big conglomerates from their invitation wish-list, applying instead for approval for a selected

group of smaller companies. The only announced investment in the area is \$25m. from a Swedish investor, Ame Larson, to extend a chemical plant and \$4.5m, by a Chinese shipping company, Yanbian Shipping Co, in a contain-

Any boycott would be certain to further sour overall relations between North and South Korea that have plunged into crisis since

succeeded by his son Kim Jong-il. South Korea and the US are trying to entice Pyongyang to attend four-way talks, also including China, to try to establish a permanent peace in the area

Kim II-sung died in 1994 and was

Greek PM sets tough fiscal targets

Prime Minister Costas Simitis set tough fiscal targets for 1997 over the weekend and said this month's general election was crucial for the country's future in the European Union. In his first major campaign

speech before the September 22 election, Simitis said he would work to cut inflation by at least two percent next year and boost growth by 3% so that Greece meets European Monetary Union (EMU) targets.

"Our country is facing a tough road ahead if it wants to achieve the targets set by the 15 EU members," he said. "Our economy must progress

fast to prevent its exclusion from the new European Union," he added at the opening of an international trade fair in this northern port city. The Socialist Simitis, a staunch-

ly pro-European pragmatist, said his government needed a public mandate to push ahead with spending cuts, privatizations and a radical restructuring of the public sector.

"It is not enough to move at our own pace when the others move faster," he said. "We are doing better but we still have many problems with huge state debts, along with the need to cut inflation and become competitive."

Greece, the worst EU economic performer, is plagued by high inflation running at an annual

SALONIKA (Reuter) -Greek 8.5% year-on-year in August and a budget deficit of 9% of GDP last

> Simitis predicted that average inflation in 1996 would be 8.2% and the deficit would drop to 7.6% of GDP at the end of the year and to 4.2% in 1997.

The EMU target is for the deficit to drop to 3% of GDP and inflation to be cut to about two points above the average inflation of the three best performing EU mem-Simitis has been fighting a

tough campaign against conservative opposition party leader Miltiades Evert, who is promising low-income voters and farmers bold increases in salaries, pensions and services after a decade of austerity.

finance Alexandros Papadopoulos, is in the final stages of putting together next year's budget, which includes cuts of \$1.2 billion in state spending and the restructuring of at least 10 major public companies.

A poll in the Athens area this week by the private Flash radio showed Simitis enjoying an approval rating of 58.1% to 31.9% scored by Evert. But poll analysts said Athens

popularity ratings did not necessarily translate into votes and that a clear indication of where the electorate is going would be out next week with the first nationwide survevs

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Graf wins fifth US Open

MEW YORK (Reuter) - Top seed Steffi Graf struggled early to find her range and focus in nearly all her matches during her 13th US Open emphatic 7-5. 6-4 victory over second seed Monica Seles to claim her fifth US Open title esterday.

Seles and Graf may share the world's top minhing, but the German superstar was the clear number one this day, winning the rematch of last ear's final to successfully defend her title.

I played my best today," Graf said during an

awards ceremony shortened by a sudden torrential downbour.

"She was definitely better," agreed Seles, who wen her fourth Australian Open this year but had not faced Graf since last year's US Open

With possibly the most impressive performance from the service line in her long, brilliant career, Graf romped to her 21st Grand Slam singles title, three shy of the all-time record.

The victory, coming in Graf's 29th Grand Slam final, also marked the fifth year that the 27-year-old German has taken at least three of the four major titles.

"It seems pretty amazing what I've achieved already," said Graf, who ran her Grand Slam mutch streak to 42, having won the last six majors she's played.

Bothered by nagging injuries and worried about her father's tax evasion trial, Graf had

But she came out firing winners yesterday, her mind trained on her tennis and an opponent who had won this tournament twice herself.

And Graf unveiled a new weapon in her Grand Slam arsenal against Seles - Pete Sampras's first

The top seed fired in 10 aces, all in the 100 mile per hour range and picked up a slew of other free points with serves that Seles simply

could not handle. "She kept the pressure on the whole time," said Seles, who may need surgery to repair a

shoulder injury that hampers her own serve. "Steffi was hitting tons of winners from the corners. She just played every level a little bit

better than I did today." Sampras-Ivanisevic On Saturday, Pete Sampras sprung back from his gut-wrenching victory two days ago to beat Goran Ivanisevic in a booming service battle

that set up a showdown in the final against Michael Chang, which was scheduled to end later yesterday. Sampras, sick to his stomach and barely able to stand during a fifth-set tiebreaker win over Spaniard Alex Corretja in the quarters, showed no ill effect against Ivanisevic as he thundered

his way to a 6-3, 6-4, 6-7 (9-11), 6-3 victory. Ivanisevic, who served 30 aces and saved four match points in the third-set tiebreaker, was not surprised by Sampras's revival.

"I knew he was going to be strong. He had one day to recover," said the fourth-seeded Croatian, who was aced 24 times by the top-seeded defender. "He only threw up. He didn't die." Sampras looked set to copy Chang's straight-

set advance. He used single service breaks to claim the first two sets and then seized a 6-3 lead in the tiebreaker for triple match point. But Ivanisevic slugged a backhand passing

shot winner to save the first and then was the beneficiary of a double fault. The Croat, in his first Open semifinal, foiled the third successive match point when Sampras ended a long rally by sailing a freehand long.

Sampras held a fourth match point at 8-7 in the tie-break that Ivanisevic saved with a volley following up his 129 miles-per-hour serve. Sampras saved two set points himself with

aces before finally succumbing on an Ivanisevic service winner at 10-9. It took Sampras a few games to get back on track after the tiebreaker turnaround.

Sampras settled down and claimed the fourthset service break he needed in the eighth game, although Ivanisevic used a pair of aces to battle back from 0-40 and reach deuce.

Tyson 'fixes' Seldon in first round

Mets' Hundley ties HR record for catchers

beat Greg Maddux and the

Hundley's homer, a 419-foot

solo shot to right in the seventh

Atlanta Braves 6-2 yesterday.

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Bruce Seldon called Mike thought it was a slip.

Tyson a destroyer. The fans called the fight a fix.

I went to wave it (a knockdown) off, and I looked Tyson a destroyer. The fans called the fight a fix. "Fix! Fix!" the ugliest word in boxing, resonnded

through the MGM Grand Garden after Tyson knocked Seldon down twice and stopped him in 109 seconds Saturday night to win the World Boxing Association heavyweight championship.
"I went up against the baddest man on the planet,"

Seldon said. "It wasn't a fixed fight. I didn't train 12 weeks to come in here and take a dive.

"They say Mike Tyson is a destroyer. I am a witness to that." Tyson swarmed all over Seldon from the opening

bell. And while Seldon was able to tie him up on a few occasions, he couldn't keep him at bay. "I'm punching pretty hard these days," Iron Mike

said. "I'm punching harder than when I was younger." However, it was a punch that most of the fans thought didn't land that led to the chorus of boos and the shouts of a fixed fight from the crowd, estimated

Seldon went face down from a glancing right hand high on the forehead. At first, referee Richard Steele

at Bruce again and the fighter seemed dazed and hurt,

so I had to pick up the count," Steele said. Seldon admitted the punch was a grazing blow, but added, "He got a little elbow behind it, which did me

Seldon struggled up and took the 8-count. Tyson then was on him, firing a left hook to the jaw that dropped Seldon face down again. Again he struggled up, but his legs were rubbery

and Steele stopped the fight.

The second time, it (the left hook) rattled my eyes," the 29-year-old Seldon said. "I couldn't see

Seldon is known as the Atlantic City Express, after his hometown, but his journey with Tyson was much too fast for the crowd...

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Since his release from prison March 25, 1995, Tyson's four fights have lasted a total of less than eight full rounds. In those four fights, Tyson's purses totaled \$75 million, \$15 million of it coming

matched Campanella's 40 in

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Dodgers. It also broke Darryl

Strawberry's team record set in

Zafririm Holon coach quits over funds

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THE new soccer season is just two rounds old but it has already claimed its first casualty in the shape of Zafririm Holon coach Elisha Levy.

Levy finally decided to quit the club yesterday after Holon was unable to guarantee to the IFA's budget comptroller, Yair Rabinowitz that they had the funds available to pay his contract. The coach's decision was accepted with understanding by the Holon management which was not in a position to stand in his way.

Levy did not sit on the coach's bench during this season's matches, both in the league and in the Toto Cup, as a protest over the club's inability to field the players he had hoped to utilize throughout the sea-son. Holon also failed to show Rabinowitz that it had adequate funds to pay their salaries as well.

But after two rounds of action, Holon is positioned in fourth spot in the National League after caretaker coaches Eli Cohen and

Danny Mano managed to coax the side's young players, most of whom are not professionals, to put on two gutsy displays and defy the odds. In the first round they beat Hapoel Kfar Sava and on Saturday they played out a goalless draw

with Maccabi Herzliya. But the future of the club still hangs in the balance. Before the league season began, Holon's bosses had proposed that Hapoel Bat Yam take its place in the National League simply because they did not think they could come up with the money needed to run a club in the top division, but the

IFA rejected that proposal. It is highly unlikely that Holon will be able to maintain its current and Russia. position in the league without a serious reinforcement of experienced local and foreign players, and unless a quick injection of cash is provided in the very near future, the club will almost certainly be doomed, at best to rele-

Canada advances to hockey finals

Shanahan scored with 12.5 seconds left in the second overtime as Canada recovered after blowing a two-goal lead in the third period for 3-2 victory over Sweden in the semifinals of the World Cup of Hockey tournament.

Canada, playing on their North American turf and holding a twogoal lead through two periods, shook off a challenge from the aggressive Swedes who matched their adversaries stride for stride throughout Saturday night's con-

Canada advanced to the best-of-3 finals starting tomorrow night in Philadelphia against the winner of yesterday's scheduled semifinal game between the United States The Canadians finally ended the

a shot from the right hashmark and Shanahan deflected it past goaltender Tommy Salo. If not for Curtis Joseph's sharp goaltending, the Canadians could

have very well lost in regulation.

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - Brendan Joseph was Canada's best player through the first three periods, making 31 saves while his team was being outshot 33-23.

He was especially good in the first period when the Swedes stormed the net and held a 14-5 advantage in shots. During one stretch, the Swedes outshot the Canadians 11-0, including eight shots on one power play.

Though generally outplayed in the first 20 minutes, Canada led 1-0 on a goal by Eric Lindros, his first in five games in the tournament. The Canadians made it 2-0 in the second period on a great individual effort by defenseman Scott

Niedermayer.



Russian weightlifter faces deportation

ATLANTA (AP) - Todd

Hundley hit his 40th home run,

tying Roy Campanella's major

league record for homers by a

catcher, and the New York Mets

WEIGHTLIFTER Vacislav Ivanovsky, who embarrassed Israel by lifting zero kilograms in Atlanta, may soon find himself being airlifted out of Israel.

The 20-year-old Siberian-born immigrant, in Israel since April 1995, is now under investigation by the Interior Ministry for having received Israeli citizenship through a fictitious marriage.

His so-called wife, Olga Saklanesky, is known to Tel Aviv police as a prostitute. She allegedly was paid NIS

5000 for the marriage which granted citizenship to Ivanovsky and the chance to represent Israel in the Olympics. Tel Aviv police are also looking

into the source of the money. Following accusations by Ivanovsky and his brother, Alex. the national coach Moshe Brener was arrested on Thursday night. Heather Chait

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NFL – (Early results yesterday): Pittsburgh 31, Baltimore 17; Carolina 22, New Orleans 20; Washington 10, Chicago 3; Houston 34, Jacksonville 27; Minnesota 23, Atlanta 17; Buffalo 17, New England 10; Kansas City 19, Oakland 3; Detroit 21, Tampa Bay 6.

BASEBALL - (Early NL results yesterday): New York 6, Atlanta 2; Chicago 5,

Philadelphia 3.
Saturday's NL results: Philadelphia 4, Chicago 2; Houston 5, Colorado 4; Cincinnati 7, San Francisco 5; St. Louis 8, San Diego 3; Montreal 2, Florida 1; Atlanta 6, New York 1; Los Angeles 4, Pitishurgh 3.
Early AL results yesterday: Cleveland 2, Seattle 1; Baltimore 6, Detroit 2.
Saturday's AL results: Seattle at Cleveland, ppd., rain; Texas 2, Milwankee 1; Oakland 13, Kansas City 6; Baltimore 6, Detroit 0; Chicago 4, Boston 3; Toronto 3, New York 2; Minnesota 6, California 3.

CRICKET - Results in the latest round of Sunday League (40 overs).cricket

At Trent Bridge (reduced to 33 overs rain): Nottinghamshire heat Lelcestershire by six wickets. Leicestershire 194-7 in 33 overs. Nottinghamshire 198-4 in 30.2 overs (P.Johnson 85 not out). Nottinghamshire 4 points.

At Southampton: Glamorgan beat Hampshire by 7 wickets. Hampshire 220-7 in 40 overs (G.White 55). Glamorgan 224-3 in 38.5 overs (S.James 91, D.Hemp 64 not out). Glamorgan 4 points.

At Worcester: Sussex beat Worcestershire by 29 runs. Sussex 216-9 in 40 overs

(R.Rao 59, P.Moores 51 not out). Worcestershire 187-9 in 40 overs (G.Hick 56). At Tannton: Somerset beat Derbyshire by 12 runs. Somerset 221-5 in 40 overs

(M.Trescothick 61 not out). Derbyshire 209-8 in 40 overs (D.Jones 81). Somerset At The Oval: Surrey beat Northamptonshire by 2 wickets. Northamptonshire 234-9 in 40 overs (D.Capel 112, M.Loye 53; A.Hollioake 5-58). Surrey 237-8 in 40 overs (C.Lewis 63). Surrey 4 points.

GRAND PRIX – Germany's Michael Schumacher, driving a Ferrari, won the Italian Grand Prix motor race yesterday. Frenchman Jean Alesi finished second in a Benetton with Mika Hakkinen of Finland third in a McLaren.

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ADINA HOFFMAN

*** HEAVEN'S PRISONERS - In Phil Joanou's moody thriller, Alec Baldwin plays a former New Orleans cop who finds himself back in action when he and his long-legged, sympathetic wife (Kelly Lynch) witness the crash of a plane in the bayou near their home. They pull a little girl, the only survivor, from the wreckage and decide to

call her their own, a move which leads, rather inevitably, to a string of mysterious, violent occurrences. While there is a certain strained suspension of disbelief involved in a plot like this one, which requires of the hero that he both exude wry intelligence and act quite foolishly, strutting headlong into all sorts of life-threatening situations, Baldwin makes it all come alive and seem thoroughly plausible. In his hands, the illogic of a script becomes the irrationality of a character, a far more compelling prospect. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Parental guidance very strongly

***1/2 THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME - Putting aside the prospect of kids the world over lining up to buy their huggable, loveable Quasimodo dolls, there's something surprisingly effective about Walt Disney's attempt at the gothic. The Hunchback is a spooky film, and one that doesn't shy away from the heavier themes of the Victor Hugo novel. Of course, when push comes to shove, Disney will always be Disney: at the (happy) end of the movie, the filmmakers can't resist the urge to plant a smiley face on the great tortured romance, and exchange Quasimodo's anti-social suffering for a Bambiesque moral about tolerance, friendship and the need to look



Annie Robicheaux (Kelly Lynch) fears for her life in the thriller 'Heaven's Prisoners.'

beyond appearances. All things considered. though, it's a remarkably eerie and engaging cartoon. (In both English and Hebrew versions. General audiences.)

*** THINGS TO DO IN DENVER WHEN YOU'RE DEAD - Written by Scott Rosenberg and directed by Gary Fleder, this clever exercise in hip morbidity stars Andy Garcia as Jimmy the Saint, a former seminary student and dapper exmobster, who's called in by his former boss (Christopher Walken) to perform one last "action" before he retires for good. Needless to say, things do not go as planned, and the bossman declares Jimmy's gang of sadsack cronies "buckwheats," which is vegetarian street talk for "dead meat." The insistent cleverness of the dialogue, the dark, sleek look of the photography and carefully cultivated seediness of the settings combine to amuse us but keep us at arm's length. The film's allround nihilism seems, at best, a little sophomoric. At worst, it's yet another bit of knee-jerk generation-X cynicism. Garcia, though, gives a sad, smart, dry performance. Also with Gabrielle Anwar. Christopher Lloyd and the inevitable Steve Buscemi. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Children under 17 not admitted without an

adult.)

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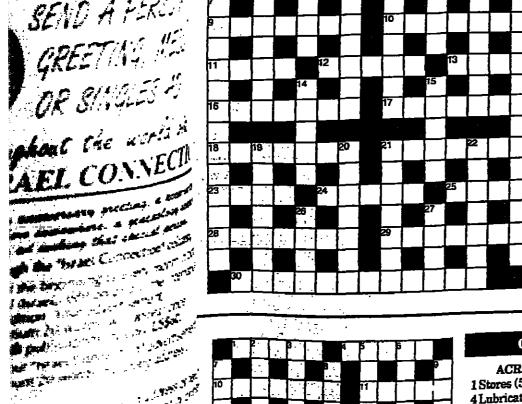
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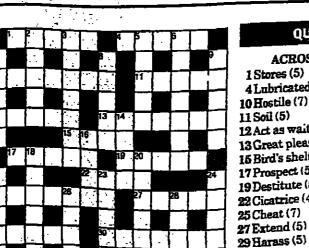
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PM suggests limiting powers of High Court

Begin condemns proposal

EVELYN GORDON

PRIME Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's suggestion that the powers of the Supreme Court, when sitting as the High Court of Justice, be clearly defined and delimited by legislation aroused a storm of protest from across the political spectrum yesterday.

In an interview with Ma'ariv that appeared yesterday morning, Netanyahu said he was currently consulting with legal experts, rabbis and academics regarding the question of how authority should be divided between the legislature and the judiciary.

"This is a legitimate question," he said. "There is no question here of the rule of law, but of the division of authority between the judicial and legislative branches... This is a difficult and fundamental question."

In a statement issued yesterday, Netanyahu reiterated that he is not trying to undermine the independence of the judiciary, but rather to clearly define the respective powers of the courts and the Knesset via legislation. The question of the proper division of authority between these two bodies has been a hot topic of debate in all the world's democracies for many years, the statement stressed, adding that the prime minister has not yet formulated his own opinion on the matter.

However, these statements were largely received as an attempt to undermine the court's authority.

"The Supreme Court is the citadel for upholding the law and protecting human rights in Israel," said Science and Technology Minister Ze'ev Begin in a statement. "We must not impinge on its powers or reduce its sphere of

Law professor and MK Amnon Rubinstein (Meretz) said there was no need to delimit the respective powers of court and Knesset by legislation, as they are already

he said, the only way to interpret Netanyahu's statements is as an attempt to limit the court's powers. Coming against the back-ground of the recent haredi attacks on the court, he added, "these remarks of the prime minister's are damaging and irresponsible."

MK Dalia Itzik, head of Labor's response team, also accused the prime minister of trying to sabotage the state's democratic character and of giving legitimacy to those who defy the court's author-

The Movement for Quality Government in Israel and the Association for Civil Rights in Israel (ACRI) also joined the ranks of the protesters, charging that the attempt to delimit the court's powers would endanger the rule of law.

"Any attempt to undermine the Supreme Court and its justices, or to 'delimit' the court, are liable to result in severe damage to the human rights of all Israeli citizens," ACRI added in its press

The only sector of the public to openly support Netanyahu was the religious community. Transport Minister Yitzhak Levy (National Religious Party), for instance, stressed that the question of what type of judicial sys-tem Israel should have was a legitimate one. America and Western Europe, though both democracies, assign very different roles to their Supreme Courts, he said in an interview with Channel 1, and it is time Israel gave serious thought to which model it wants to follow.

We have two different systems here, and the debate is legitimate," he said. "I don't accept the fact that every time we embark on a legitimate debate - even if it is on the question of the authority of the [Supreme] Court - it is immediately dismissed as... [an expression of] contempt for the court."



NEWS

A resident of Kibbutz Kiryat Anavim shows President Ezer Weizman some of the damage caused by Friday's fire.

Report exonerates Fire Dep't

THE Fire Department was cleared of allegations it was incompetent in battling Friday's Jerusalem Corridor blaze in an internal review carried out by the Fire and Rescue Commission and accepted yesterday by Interior Minister Eli

Suissa rejected calls for a formal, independent, investigation, and said the major problem was that the previous government failed to implement the recommendations of the investigation into last year's Jerusalem Corridor

Suissa said the pine trees that had been planted in the area had been a major factor in the fire spreading quickly, and called on the Jewish National Fund to plant less flammable trees when it redevelops the area. The weak water lines in the area also made it

difficult to contain the fire, according to Suissa,

who received the internal inquiry from Fire and Rescue Commissioner Uri Manos. Some 2,000 dunams of forest and dozens of buildings in Kibbutz Kiryat Anavim and Moshav Beit Nekofa were destroyed or damaged in the blaze, which police say started when children in nearby Abu Ghosh set a fire

The JNF, however, claimed yesterday that its investigation showed the fire started when dry branches were set alight near the offices of the Abu Ghosh Local Council, and did not originate at the garbage dump. The JNF could not say whether the branches were set aftre by arsonists or for some other reason.

Police, however, stood by their report, saying it had been conducted by police experts. The Fire and Rescue Commission inquiry

confirmed what had already been reported that the initial response was relatively quick, but because of a lack of manpower and equipment the response was also inadequate.

Suissa, rejecting calls for an independent investigation, instead chose to set up a committee to ensure that the recommendations of the Lapidot Committee that investigated last year's Jerusalem Corridor blaze would finally be implemented.

The committee, to be chaired by Yigal Shahar, head of the ministry's northern district, was given until September 19 to present its conclusions and recommendations to Suissa.

The initial reaction of sending a team to Abu

Ghosh appears reasonable, in light of the num-ber of firefighters on duty, and other activity that was going on at the time," the inquiry report stated.

It found that the first and second teams arrived in "reasonable" time, and that additional teams were called in quickly. This, despite the fact that, the inquiry also found that two hours after the blaze began, only two fire trucks were at the scene, and helicopters and planes called in to fight the fire did not arrive

The conclusion of the report emphasized that "budget constraints put limitations on the operations and readiness of the Beit Shemesh fire station," the major one in the area.

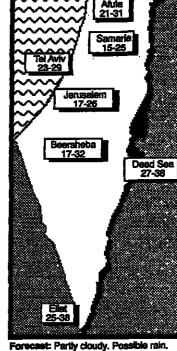
President Ezer Weizman, who visited Kiryat Anavim yesterday to see the damage firsthand, suggested the special firefighting planes be purchased. He said experts had been recommending this for a long time, and that he would see if he could use his influence to make sure this was done.

Meanwhile, the kibbutz guest house will reopen tomorrow, even though almost half its rooms were damaged in the blaze.

Itim contributed to this report



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Law professor calls PM's High Court remark a blunder

MANY people - not only among the right-wing or Orthodox communities - believe there is a need to reconsider Supreme Court-Knesset relations, according to Prof. Claude Klein, professor of law at the Hebrew University.

Nevertheless, he said Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's statement, quoted in Ma'ariv, that the Supreme Court's areas of jurisdiction when it sits as the High Court of Justice may have to be delimited was a blunder, which he attributed to Netanyahu's "greenness in the job."

"In the current atmosphere, it is the last thing Netanyahu should have said," said Klein. "There have been some very harsh attacks against the Supreme Court recently. His comments are like pouring oil on a fire."

DAN IZENBERG

According to Klein, many people might think the remark was inspired by the High Court's rulings on Jerusalem's Rehov Bar-Ilan, since that is the issue which inspired the recent attacks on Supreme Court President Aharon Barak

However, the question of closing Rehov Bar-Ilan is a purely administrative issue and therefore one which the court is obliged to deal with according to Basic Law: The Judiciary, Section 15 (c) and (d).

There is also the question of the relationship between the High Court and the religious courts. Although the issue hasn't come up of late, many in the Orthodox community believe the court has exceeded its authority by overruling religious courts. Here too,

however, Klein believes that there is no way to preserve the rule of law while allowing courts representing the state to be outside the scrutiny of the High Court.

When it comes to Supreme Court-Knesset relations, however, there is room to consider whether the court should have the right to intervene in Knesset procedural matters or legislation.

"There has been a debate on this question in various circles - not just the right or the religious - for several years," said Klein. "Other groups have also been asking tough questions. "

Nevertheless. one must approach this extremely important and delicate issue with sensitivity and caution. Netanyahu's statement to Ma'ariv was "very unfortunate," concluded Klein.

NATURE QUEST™

Mandela hopes to persuade South African Jews to return home

DAVID MAKOVSKY

DURING his planned visit here in November, President Nelson Mandela would like to meet with as many South African Jews as possible and encourage them to return and invest in the country, Mandela's aides told Israeli officials recently. Officials say Mandela would like to meet with a "stadium-full" of

South African immigrants and urge them to return. However, it is unlikely that Israel will accommodate such a request. Mandela is expected to visit Israel, the Palestinian autonomous areas and Jordan from November 6-12. It is the third time a

Mandela visit has been scheduled. A trip planned for February 1994 was canceled when the Oslo timetable ran behind schedule. Mandela only wanted to visit Israel

after the IDF had completed its withdrawal from Gaza and Mandela also scheduled a trip for last month, but canceled, osten-

During his trip, Mandela will meet with senior Israeli and Palestinian officials. He will also address the Knesset. Three differ-

ent universities here have already offered him honorary degrees,

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Winning cards

Islamic unity rally low key and sparsely attended

DOUGLAS DAVIS

ISLAMIC extremists, whose supporters were almost outnumbered by British police, delivered a relatively mild message of Islamic unity at their "Rally for Revival"

in London's Hyde Park yesterday. Earlier, the extremist al-Muhajiroun movement abandoned plans for a mass rally at the 12,000seat London Arena, ostensibly because it could not afford the additional security it was told would be necessary to deter opposition by Jewish and homosexual groups.

last-minute change was caused by poor ticket sales. Rally organizer Sheikh Omar

However, sources believe the

Bakri Mohammed, head of al-Muhajiroun and an outspoken Hamas supporter, had resisted

powerful political pressure to cancel the event.

Bakri, a Syrian exile who says he regards Iran as reactionary and Israel as a "criminal state," had intended to use the Rally for Revival to incite revolt against Arab regimes and press his vision for a global Islamic state.

The British government, which had received messages of alarm from Jewish community representatives, as well as from senior Israeli, Egyptian and Algerian officials, was clearly uneasy at providing a platform for the rally. However, spokesmen said the government was unable to halt the

event unless speakers broke the law by inciting racial hatred or ter-

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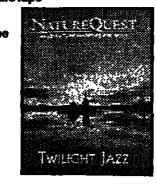
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